

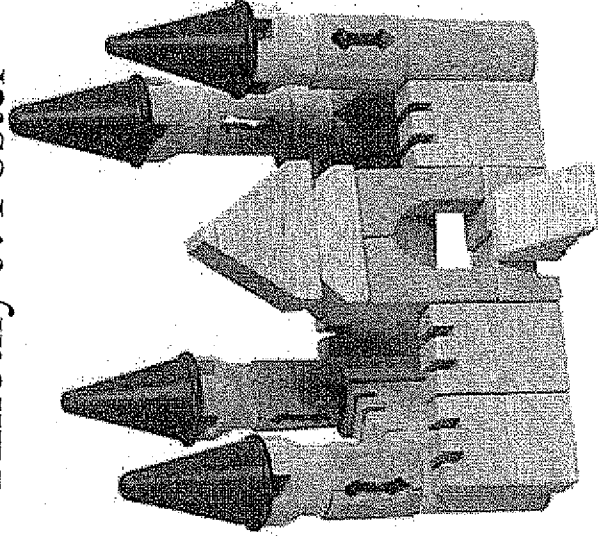
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# Hydrocolloids Structure and Properties

## The building blocks for structure

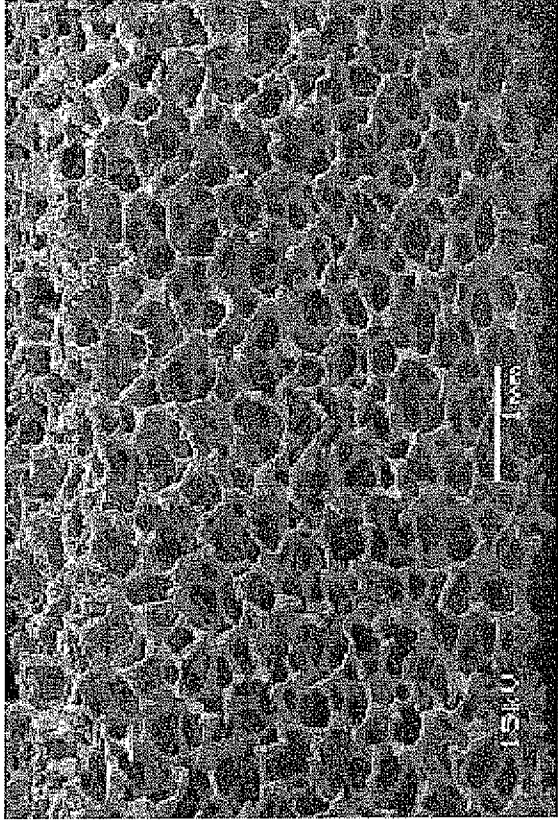
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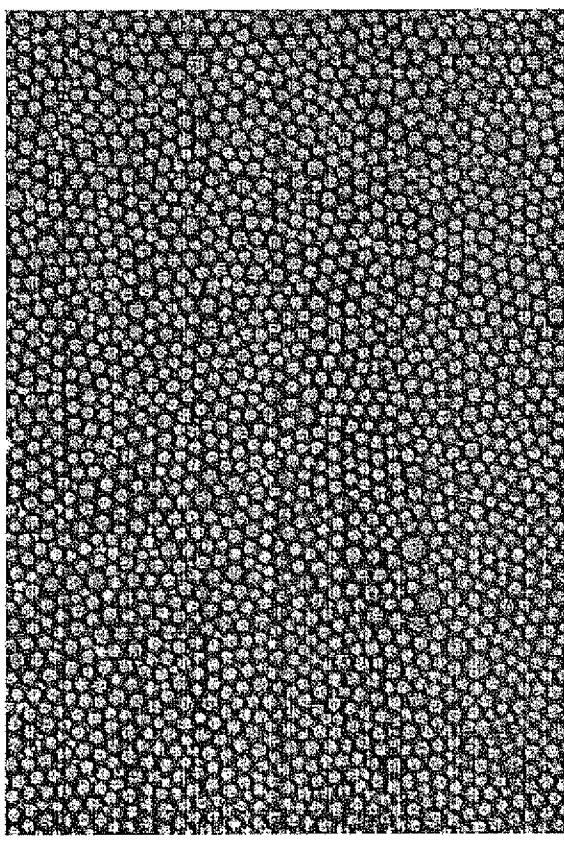
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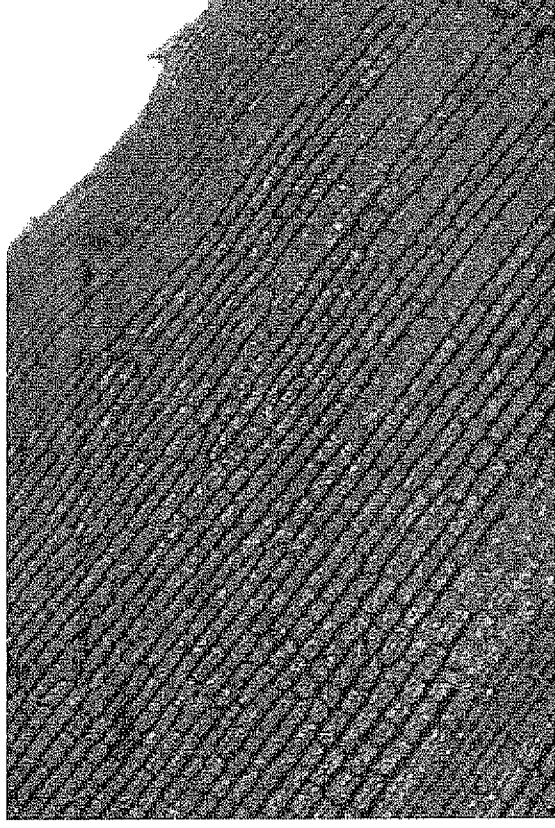


Foams



Manufactured Materials

Emulsions

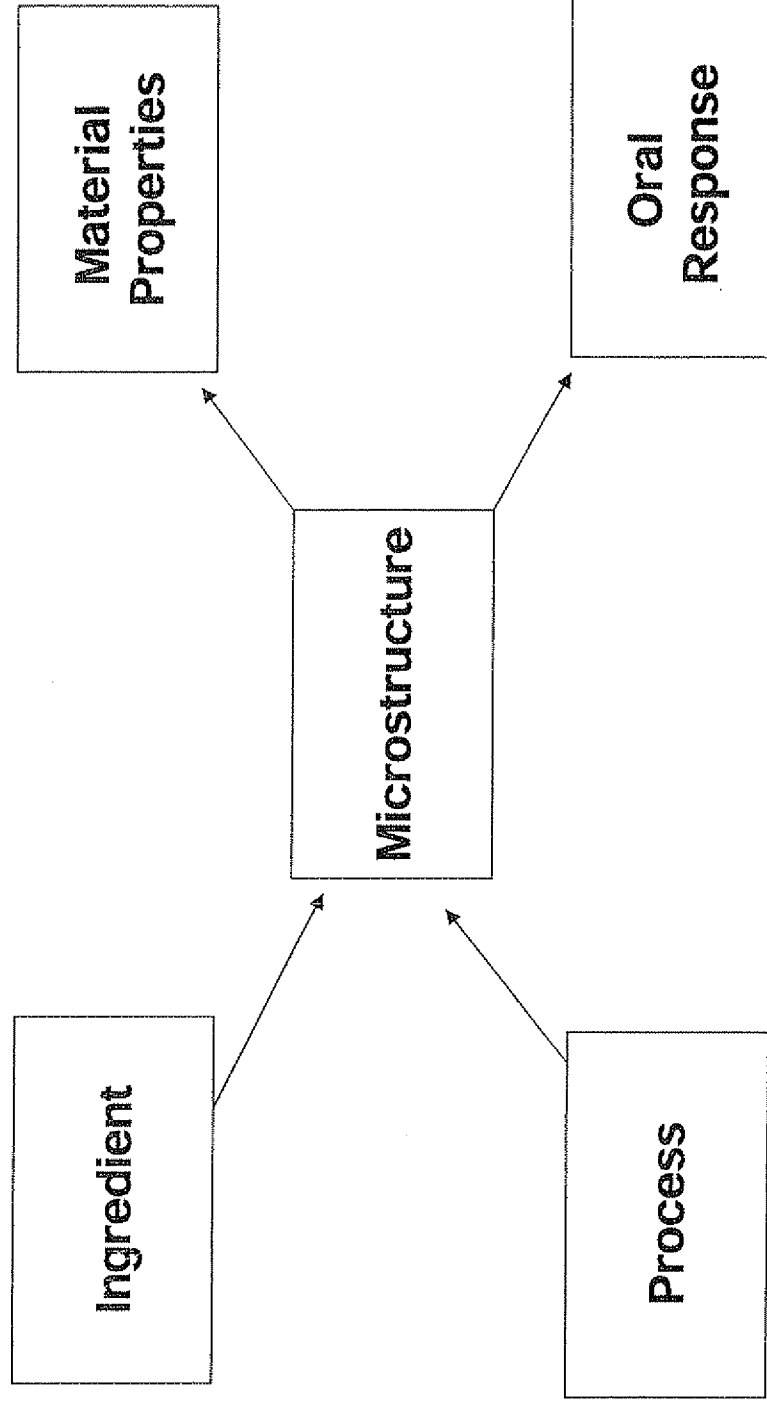


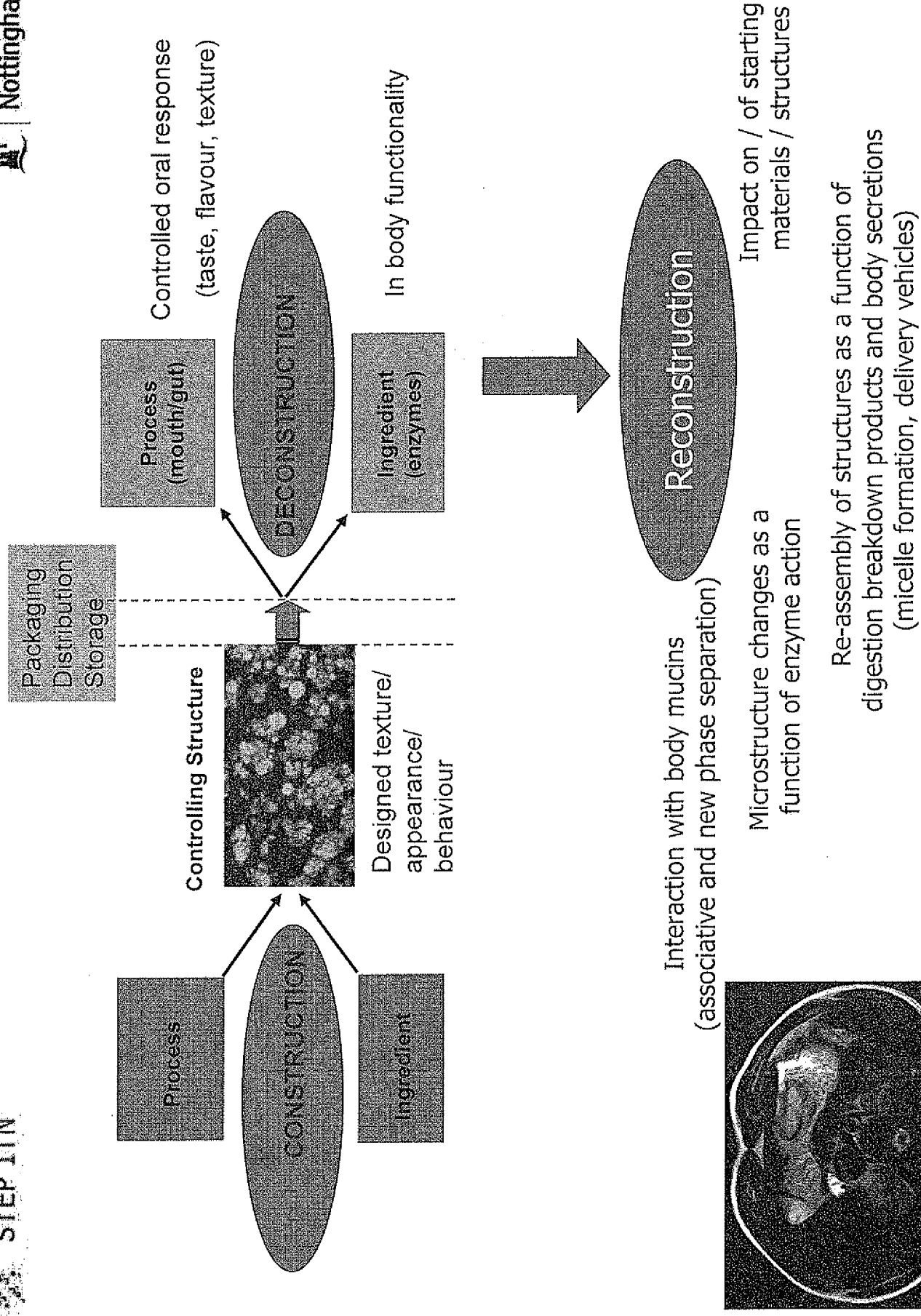
Natural Materials

This shows a layer of onion (Allium) cells.

# Targeting Hydrocolloids For Specific Applications:

## Approach





# Single Biopolymer systems

# **Hydrocolloid Structure/ Function**

## **Need:**

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# Hydrocolloid Materials & Function

## – Gelling

- Pectin
- Alginate
- Starch
- Agar
- Carrageenan
- Gellan
- Gelatin
- Milk proteins
- Egg proteins

## – Thickening

- Pectin
- Alginate
- Starch
- LBG
- Guar gum
- Xanthan

## – Emulsification

- Gelatin
- Milk proteins
- Egg proteins
- Soya proteins
- Pea proteins
- Gum Arabic



# Hydrocolloid Materials & Function

Gelling	Thickening	Emulsification
• Pectin	• Pectin	• Gum Arabic
• Alginate	• Alginate	• Propylene glycol Alginate
• Starch	• Starch	• Sugarbeet pectin
• Agar	• LBG	• OSA starch
• Carrageenan	• Guar Gum	
• Gellan	• Xanthan	
• Curdlan	• lamda Carrageenan	
• Cellulosics	• Cellulosics	
• Succinoglycan	• Beta Glucan	
• Scleroglucan		
• Mixtures		

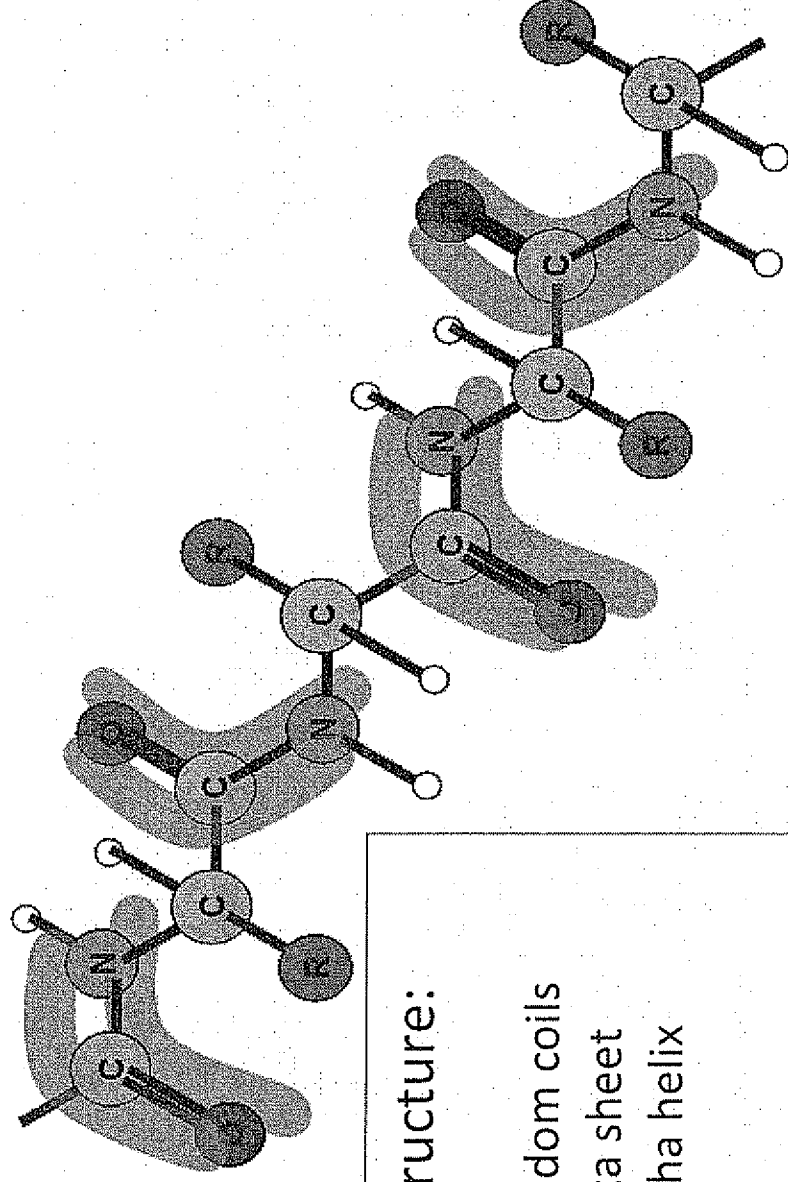


# Protein structure

*A protein is a polymer of amino acids*

- Primary structure
  - amino acid sequence
- Secondary structure
  - spatial structure through interactions between amino acids that are *near* along the amino acid chain (e.g.  $\alpha$ -helix,  $\beta$ -sheet)
- Tertiary structure
  - spatial structure through interactions between amino acids that are *far away* along the amino acid chain
- Quaternary structure
  - association of different amino acid sequences (e.g. haemoglobin)

# Protein



## Protein Structure:

Backbone

random coils

beta sheet

alpha helix

Charge

## Determines Properties:

Interfacial properties

foams

emulsions

Gel forming

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# Structure of globular proteins

$\beta$ -lactoglobulin ( $\beta$ -lg)

*dimeric form at neutral pH*



$\alpha$ -lactalbumin ( $\alpha$ -la)



bovine serum albumin  
(BSA)



Color caption:

$\alpha$ -Helix

$\beta$ -Sheets

Cysteines

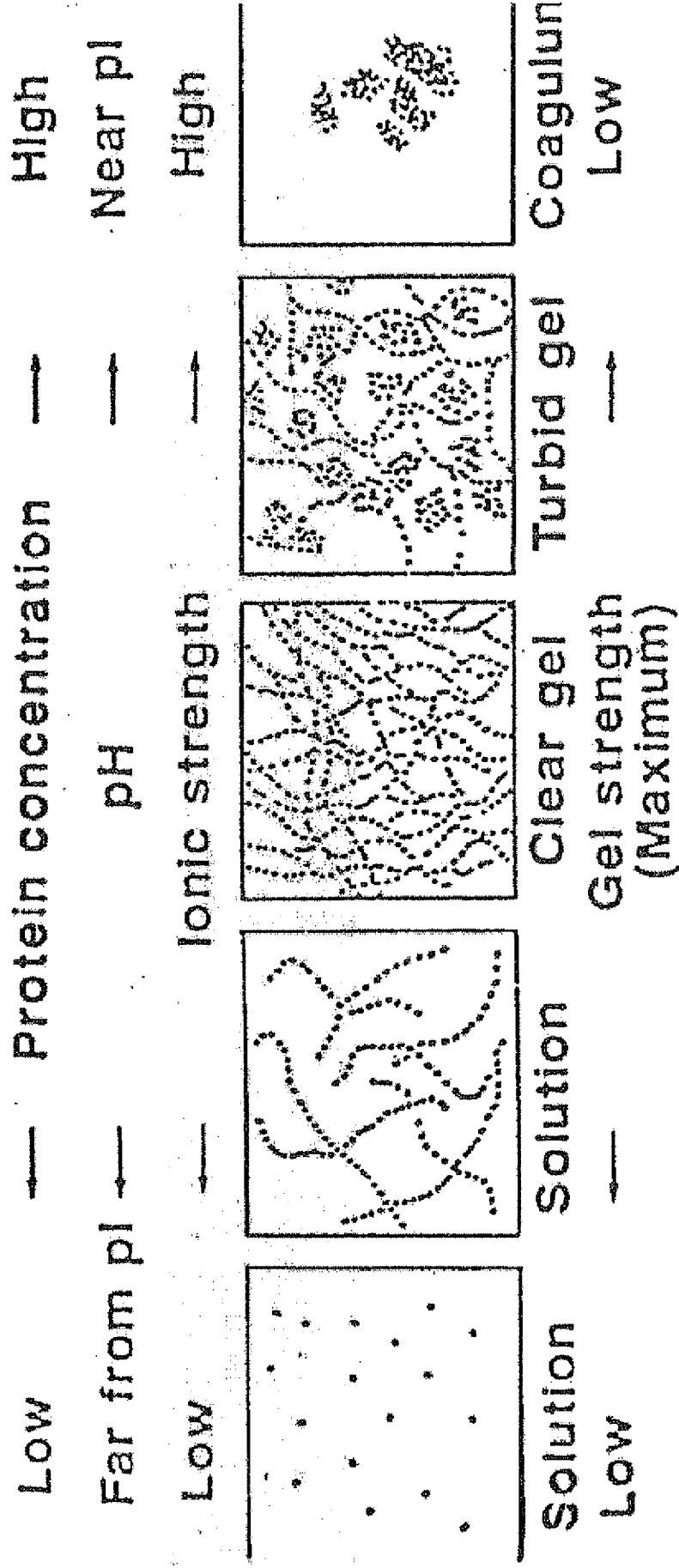


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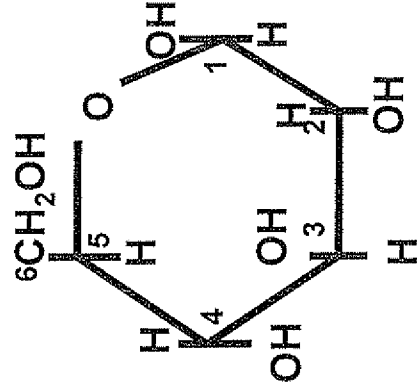
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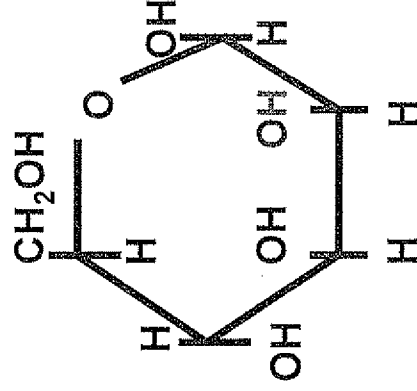
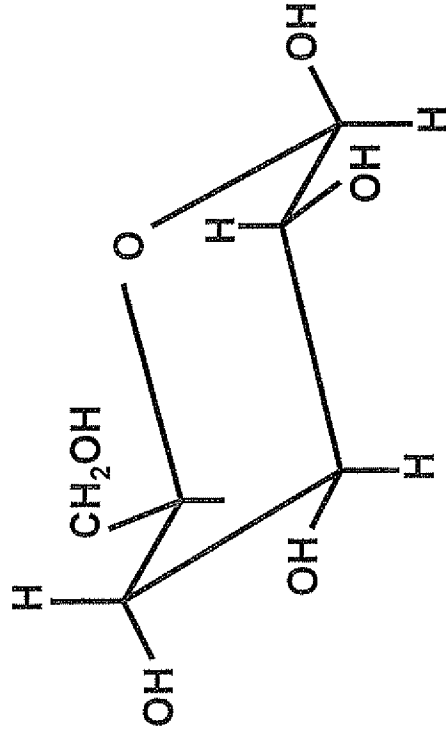


# Carbohydrates...what do they look like?

- How do they differ?

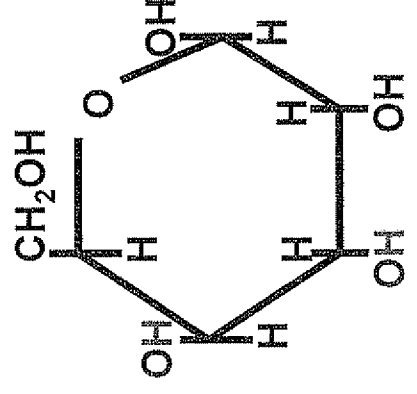
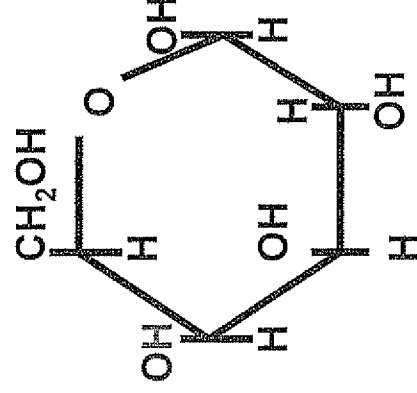


**Glucose**



**Mannose**

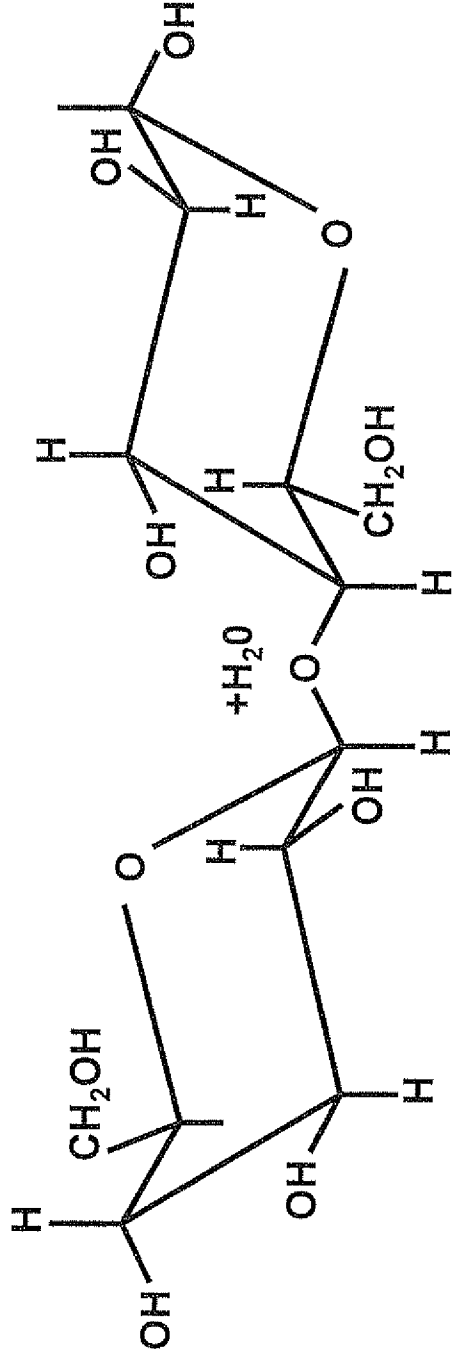
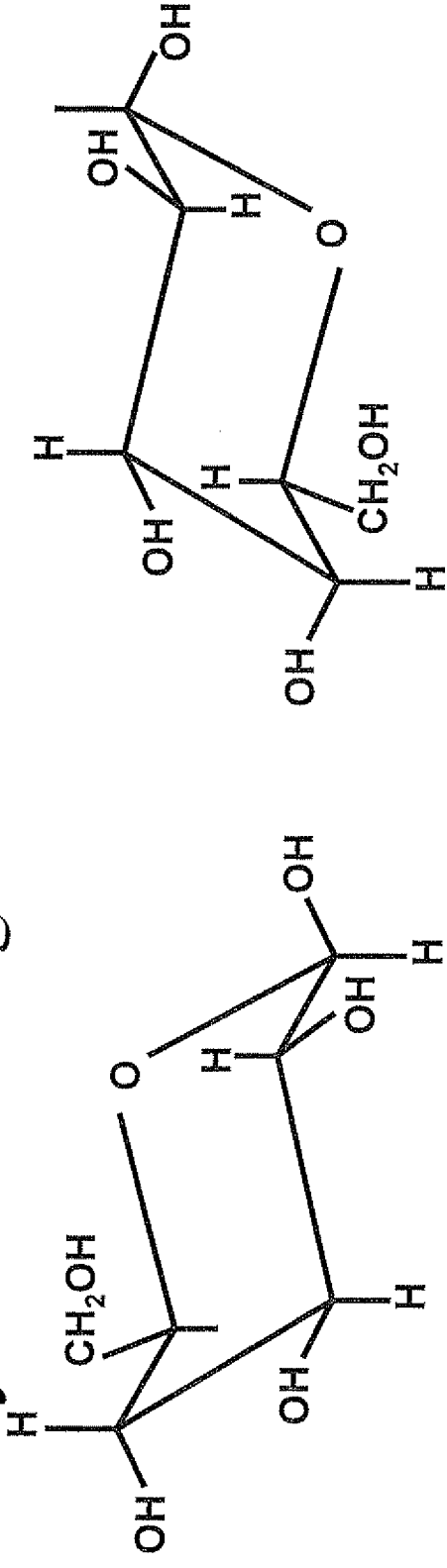
**Galactose**

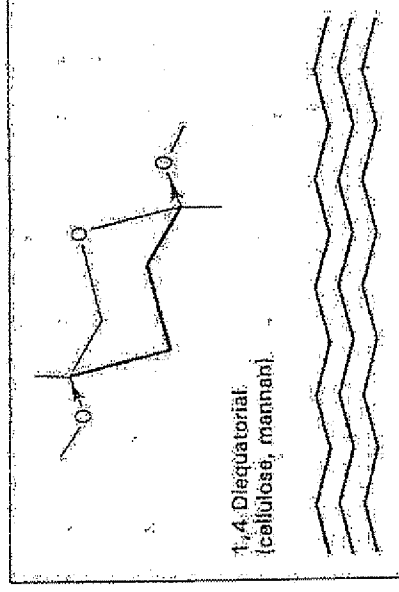
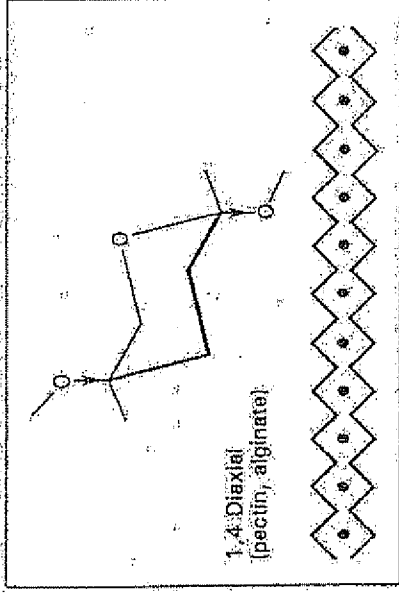
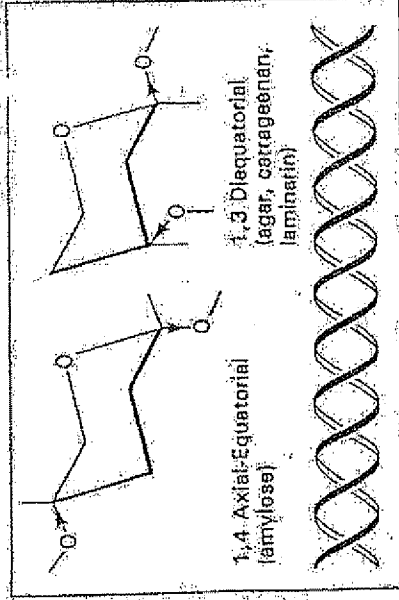


**Glucose**

# Sugar Interactions

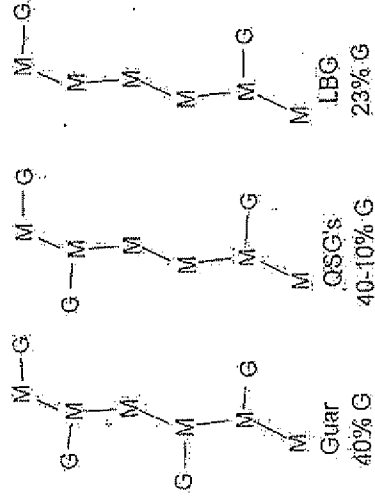
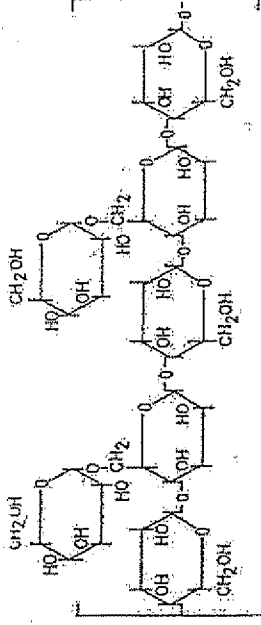
- Glycosidic linkage





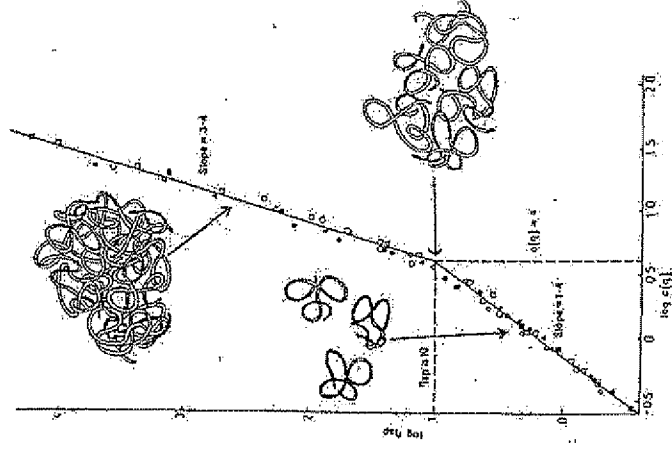
LBG is a galactomannan.

(1-4)  $\beta$ -D-mannose



## Polysaccharide Structure / Functionality

Taking into account the volume swept out by each biopolymer chain ( $\langle r^2 \rangle$ ), the point of coil overlap/ entanglement ( $c^*$ ) can be obtained.



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# Sources of hydrocolloids

## Botanical

*starch, cellulose, galactomannans, pectin, gum arabic, karaya, tragacanth, beta glucan*

## Seaweeds

*agar, carrageenan, alginate*

## Animal

*gelatin, chitosan, hyaluronan*

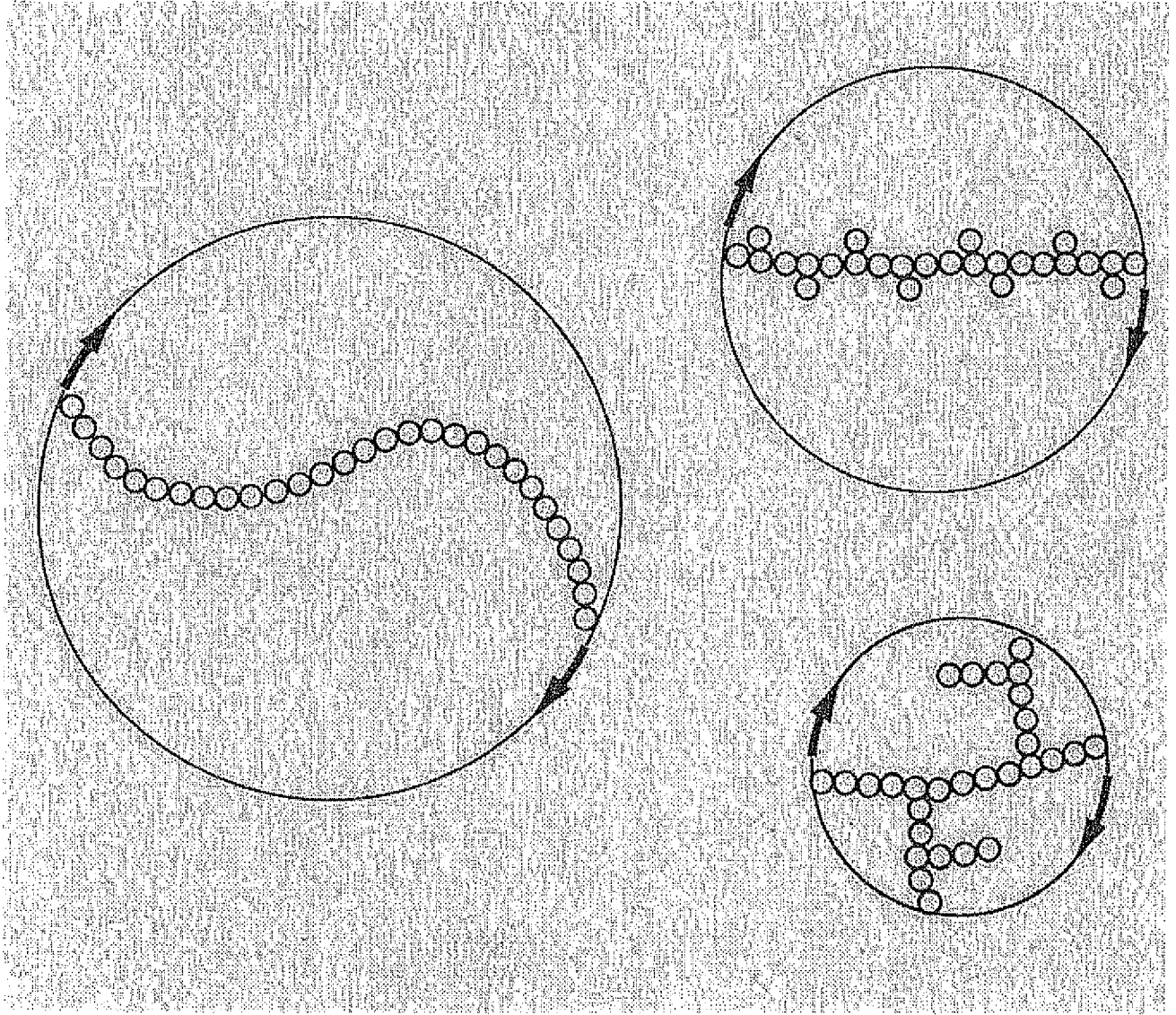
## Bacterial

*xanthan, gellan, dextran*



# Structural Features

- Linear
  - (homo- and hetero-)
- Linear – branched
  - (homo- and hetero-)
- Branched
  - (homo- and hetero-)
- Ordered helices
  - (single, double, triple)



# Polysaccharide thickeners

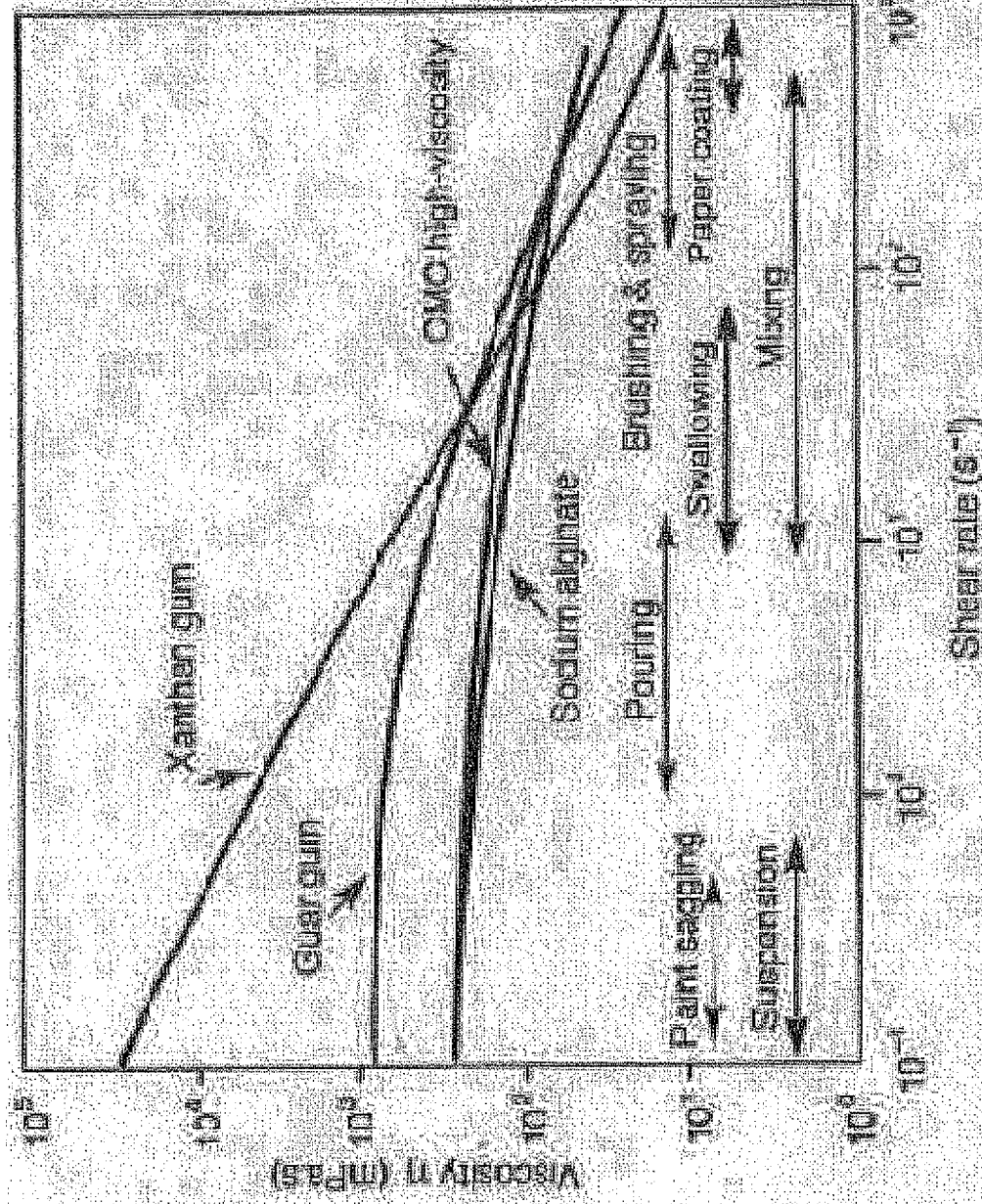
- The most efficient thickeners are;
- Linear,
- High molecular mass
- Charged

## Alternative Hydrocolloids

Cashew Gum  
Gum Karaya  
Okra Gum  
Caramania Gum (almond)  
Cassava Starch  
Chia Gum  
Cocoyam Flour  
Cowpea protein /starch  
Detarium microcarpum polysaccharide  
Flaxseed Gum  
Hsian-tso Leaf gum (Taiwan/China)  
Lichenin  
Lupin Protein  
Moussul Gum (Plum)  
Portulaca Oleracea  
Psyllium gum  
Rice Flour  
Sassa Gum  
Soy Bean Polysaccharide  
Tara Gum  
Tropical Starches  
Yellow Mustard Gum

Aloe Gum  
Gum Ghatti  
Oat gum  
Gum Tragacanth  
Cassia Gum  
Cherry Gum  
Chickpea Flour  
Combretum Gum  
Cyclodextrins  
Fenugreek gum  
Gleditsia macrantha  
Lesquerella Gum  
Lucaena galactomannan  
Manna Gum  
Opuntia Ficus  
Prickly Pear  
Quince seed gum  
Rye bran (beta d glucan / arabinoxylan)  
Sorghum flour  
Tamarind gum  
Tremella Aurantia Poysaccharide  
Yam

# Typical Solution Properties



Comparison of the flow behaviour of xanthan gum or other hydrocolloid solutions (0.5% concentration).



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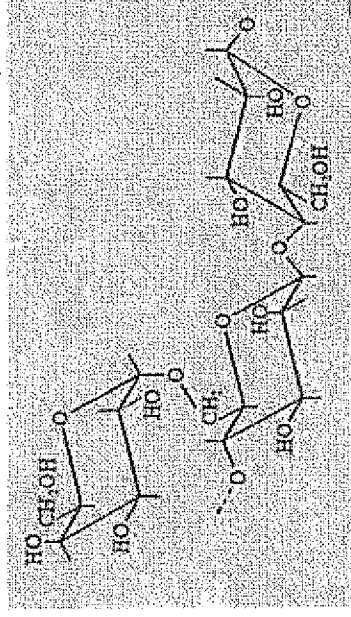
# Hydrocolloid Structure/ Function

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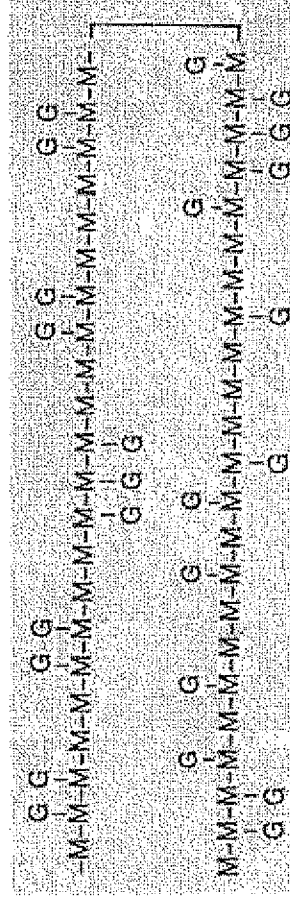
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# Galactomannans

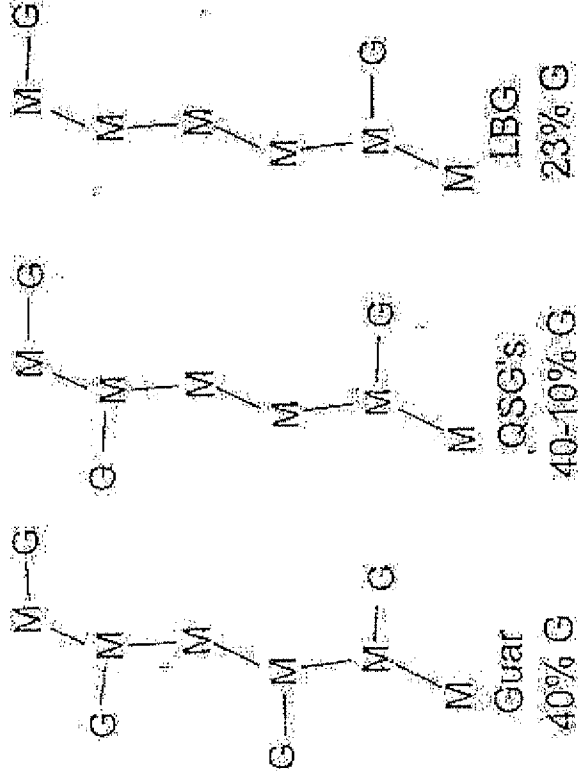
- Galactomannans include guar gum, locust bean gum (carob), fenugreek, cassia and tara gum.
- They have a high molecular mass (~ in excess of 500kDa) and consist of  $\beta$  1,4 linked mannose residues with galactose units linked  $\alpha$  1,6.



- The M:G ratio is ~2:1 for guar, 3:1 for tara and 4:1 for locust bean gum.
- The galactose units are not evenly distributed along the chain.



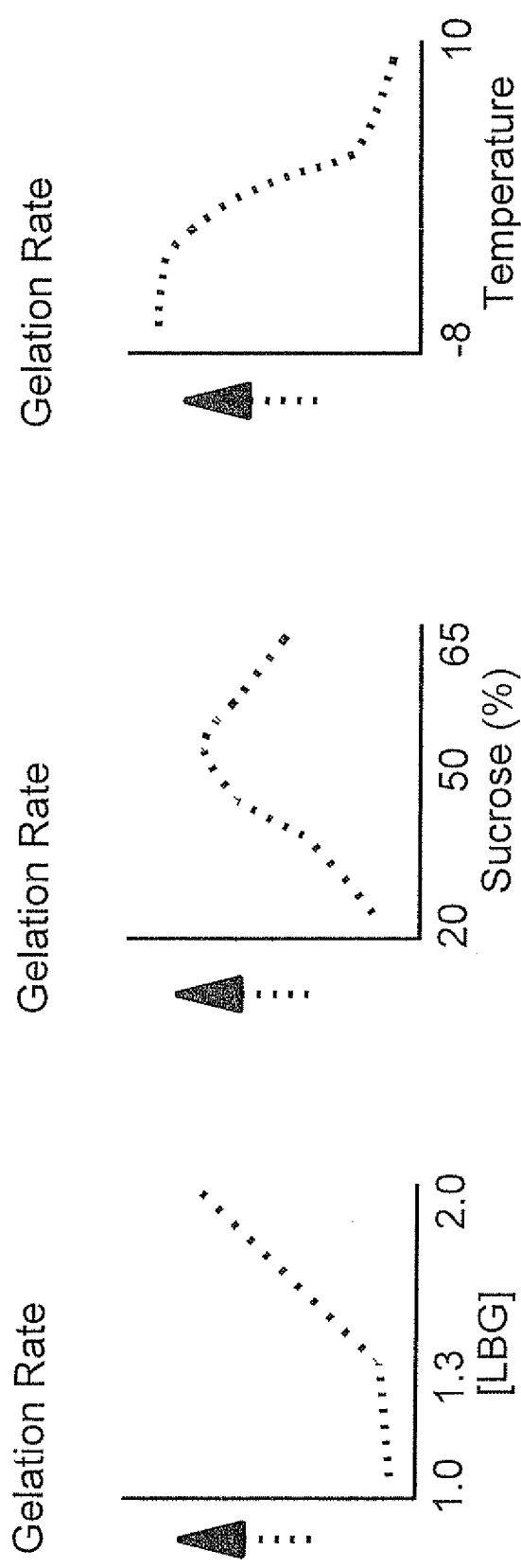
# LBG Structure / Functionality



- LBG can be fractionated wrt temperature of solubility.
- Cold soluble LBG (30C) has a higher G/ M than that soluble at high temperature (80C).
- LBG soluble at 80C has a galactose content of 16.6%, and gels at ambient temperature.
- Cold soluble LBG does NOT gel even when frozen & thawed.
- Not necessary for ice to be present, a non-ionic interaction, dependent on solvent quality.



- The distribution of galactose sidechains is all important in dictating functionality.



- Self association is kinetically controlled as a function of the number of available junction zones

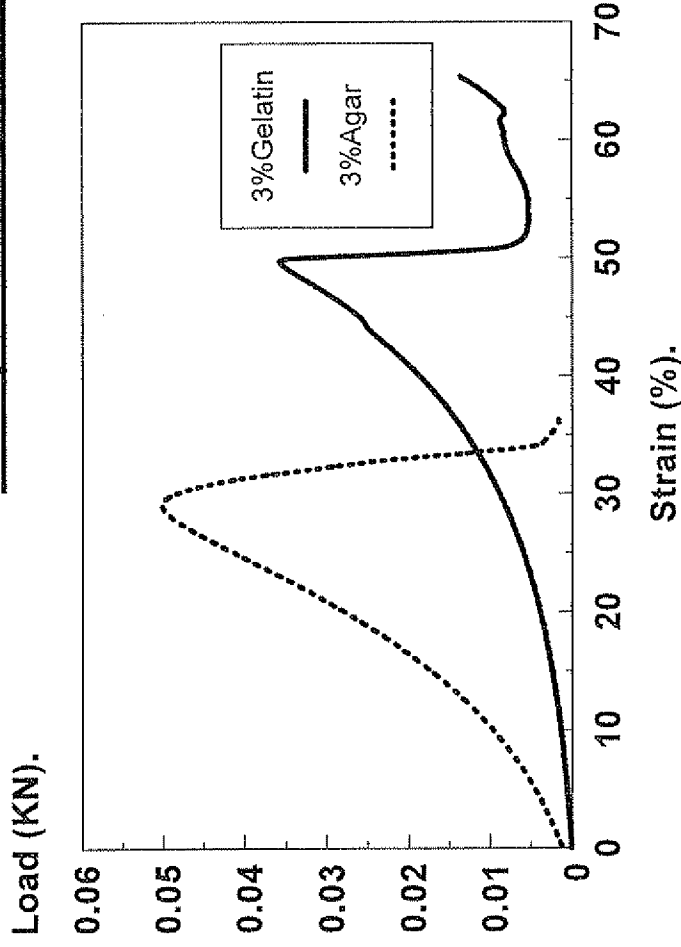


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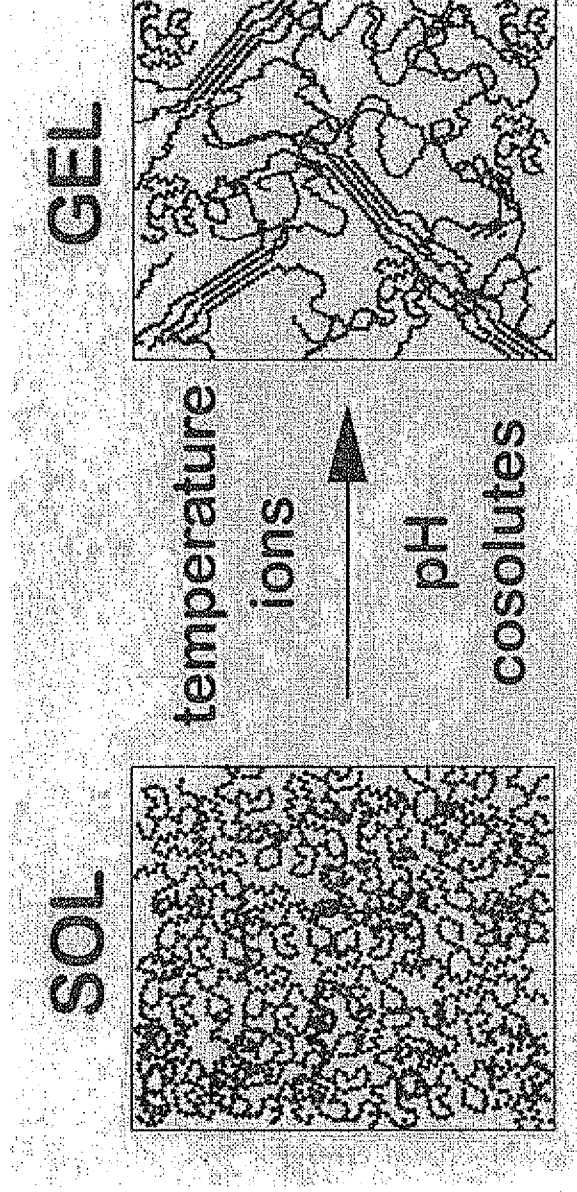


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# Properties of Hydrocolloids



**Typical polymer gel properties**  
 Dependent on Solvent quality,  
 Polymer fine structure, Junction  
 zone type / quantity

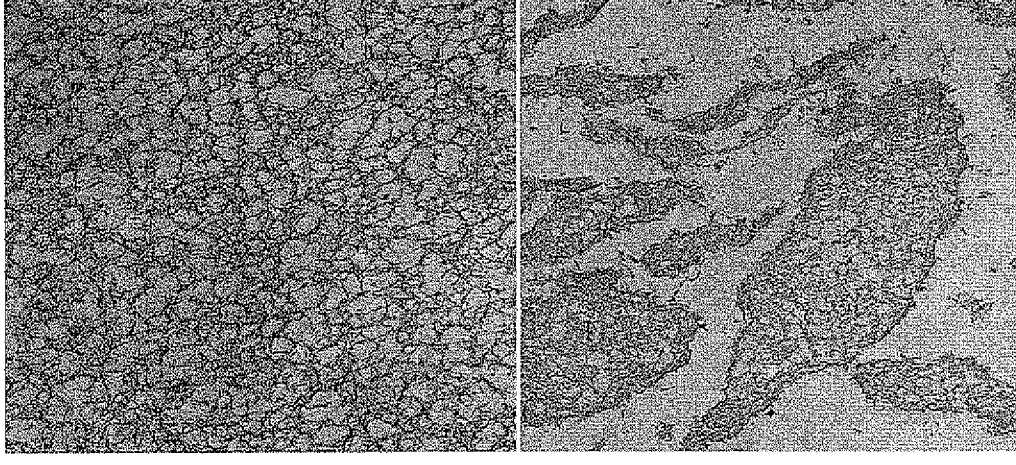
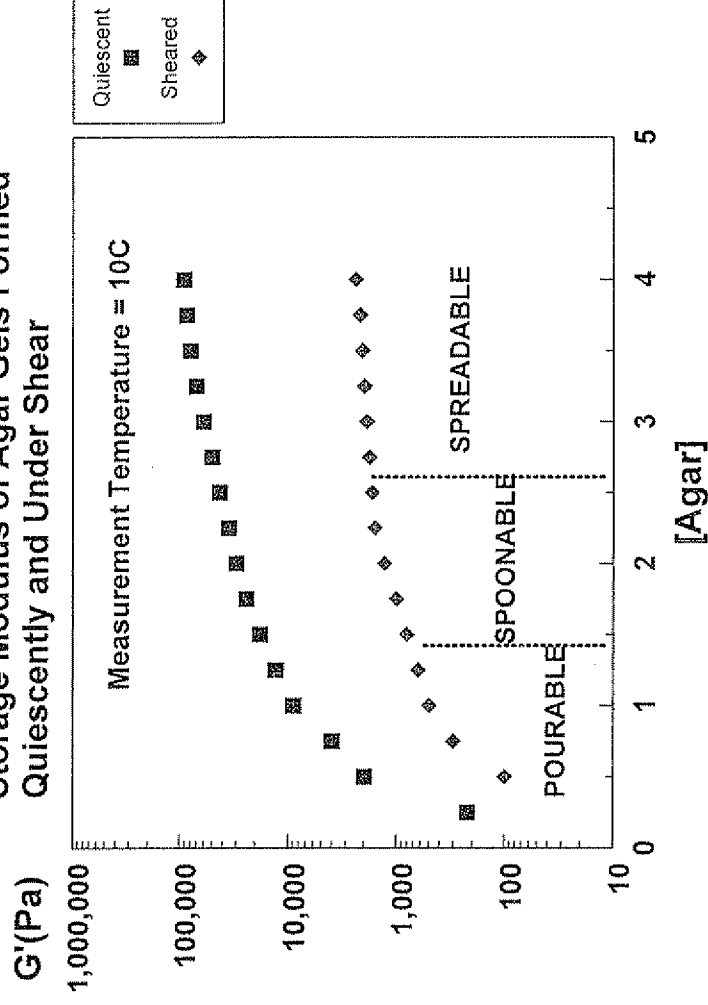


## Effect of Shear during Gelation:

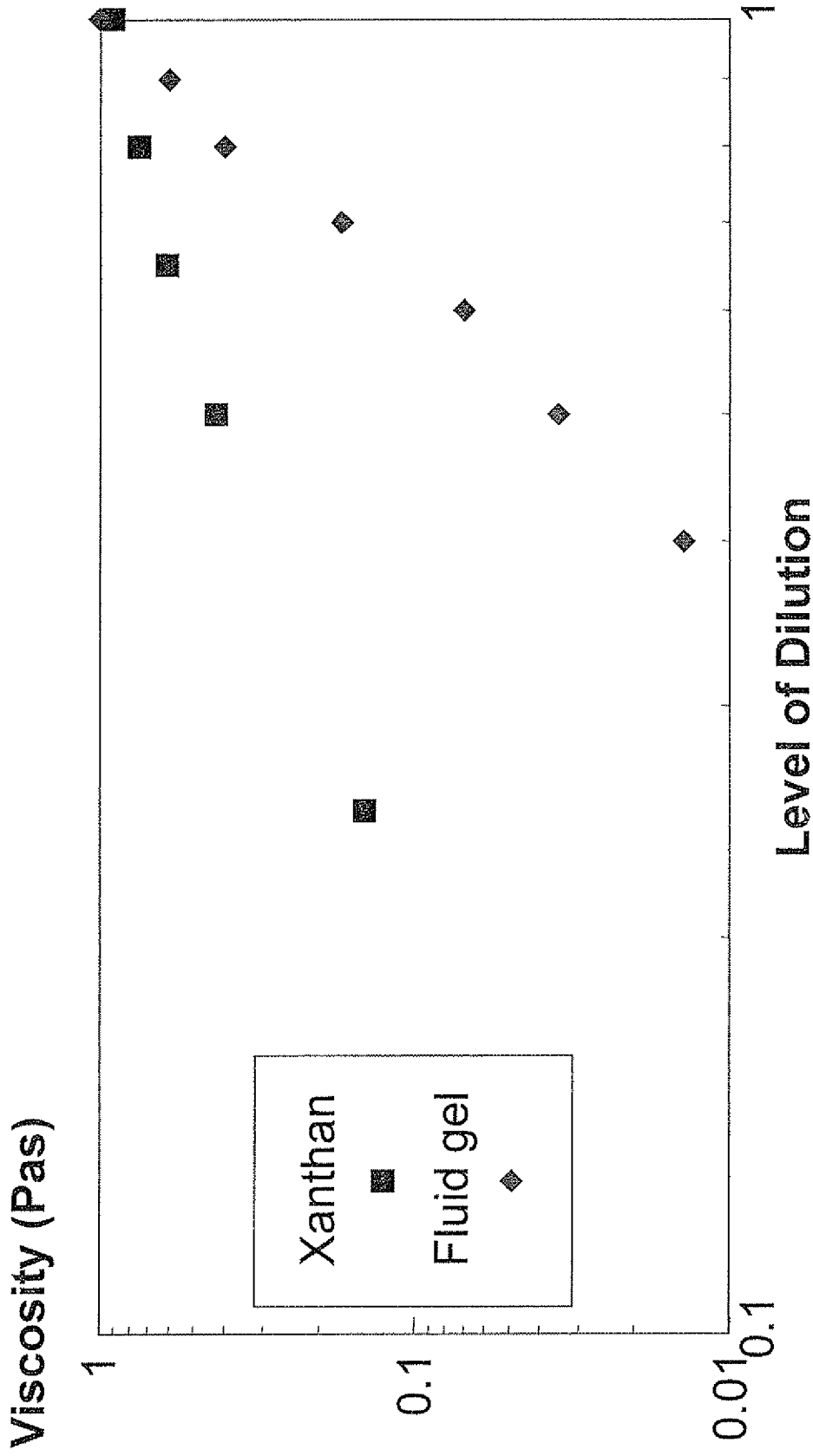
### Fluid gel Particle formation

- Composite properties are dependent upon the number and size of particles produced.
  - This in turn is dependent upon the polymer used, the polymer concentration and the shear field.

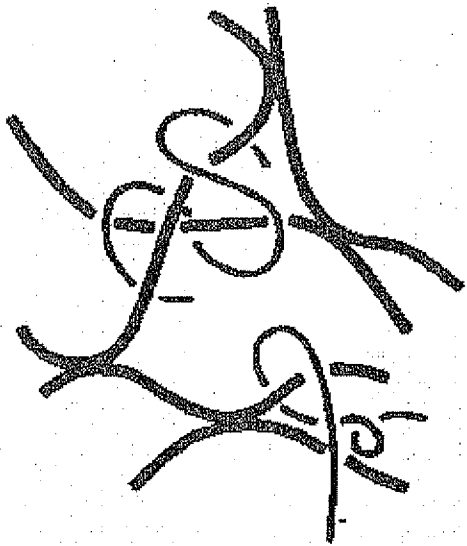
Storage Modulus of Agar Gels Formed Quiescently and Under Shear



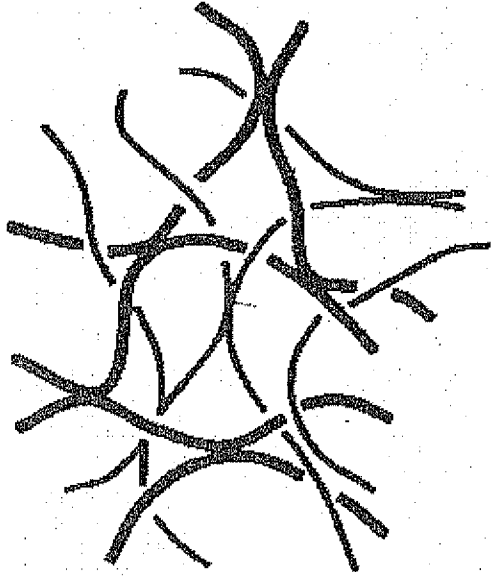
- Due to the colloidal nature of their properties they provide better dilution characteristics than their molecular counterparts.



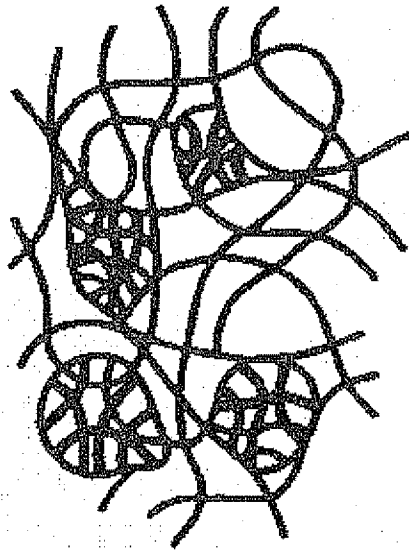
# Mixed Biopolymers



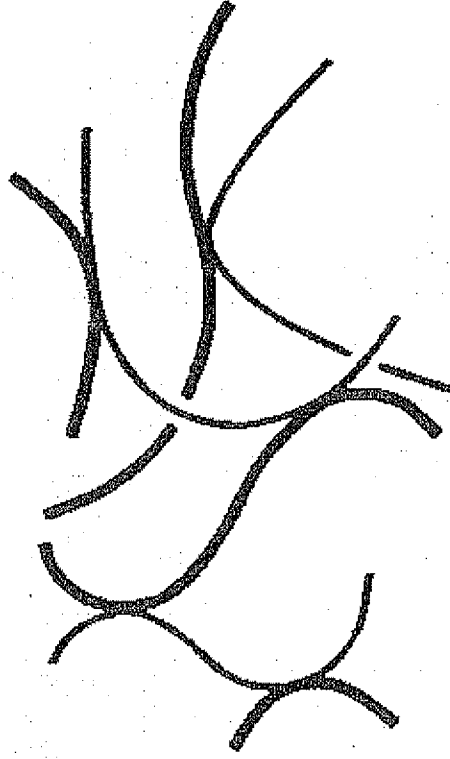
Swollen network



Interpenetrating network



Phase separated network



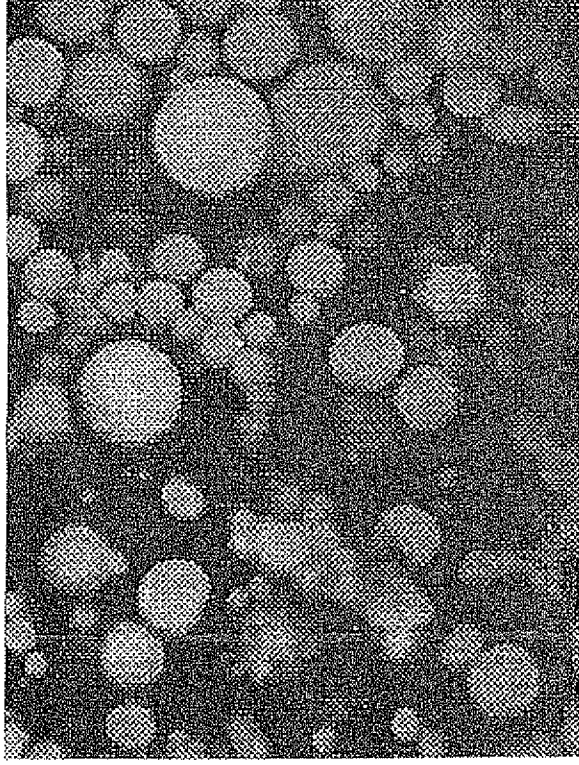
Coupled network



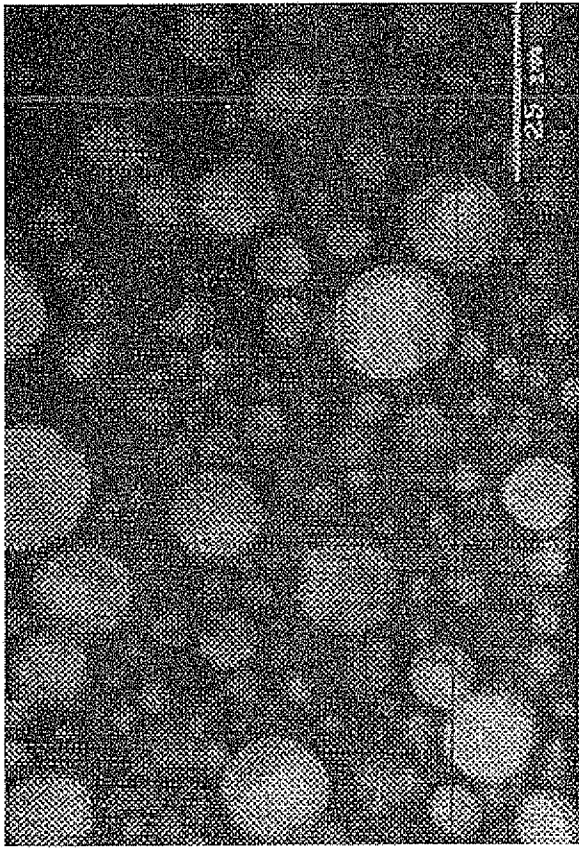
## Aqueous-based two-phase systems

### Microstructure

o/w emulsion

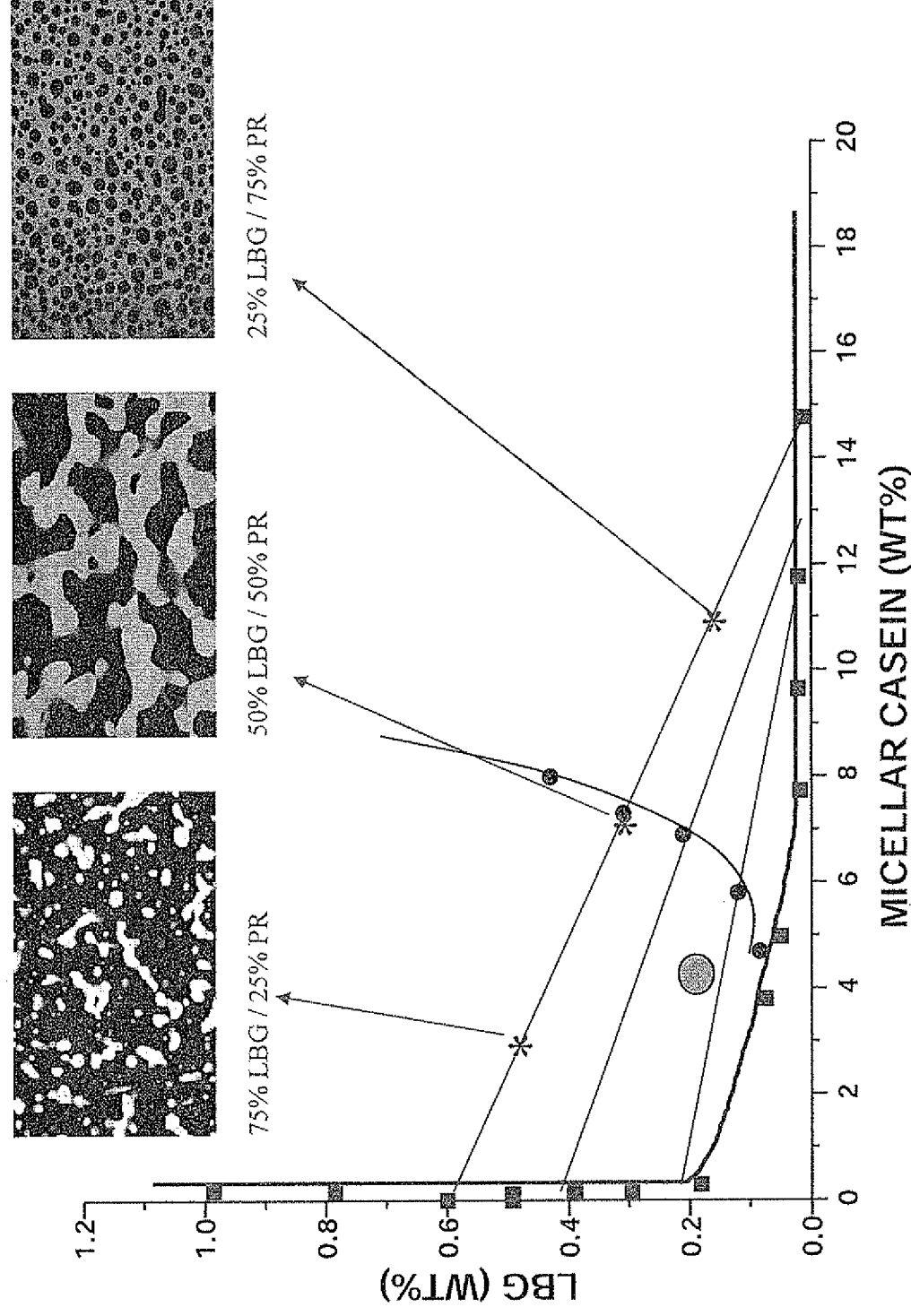


water-in-water emulsion



—| 25 μm

Phase Separation phenomena is used in the creation of food products.



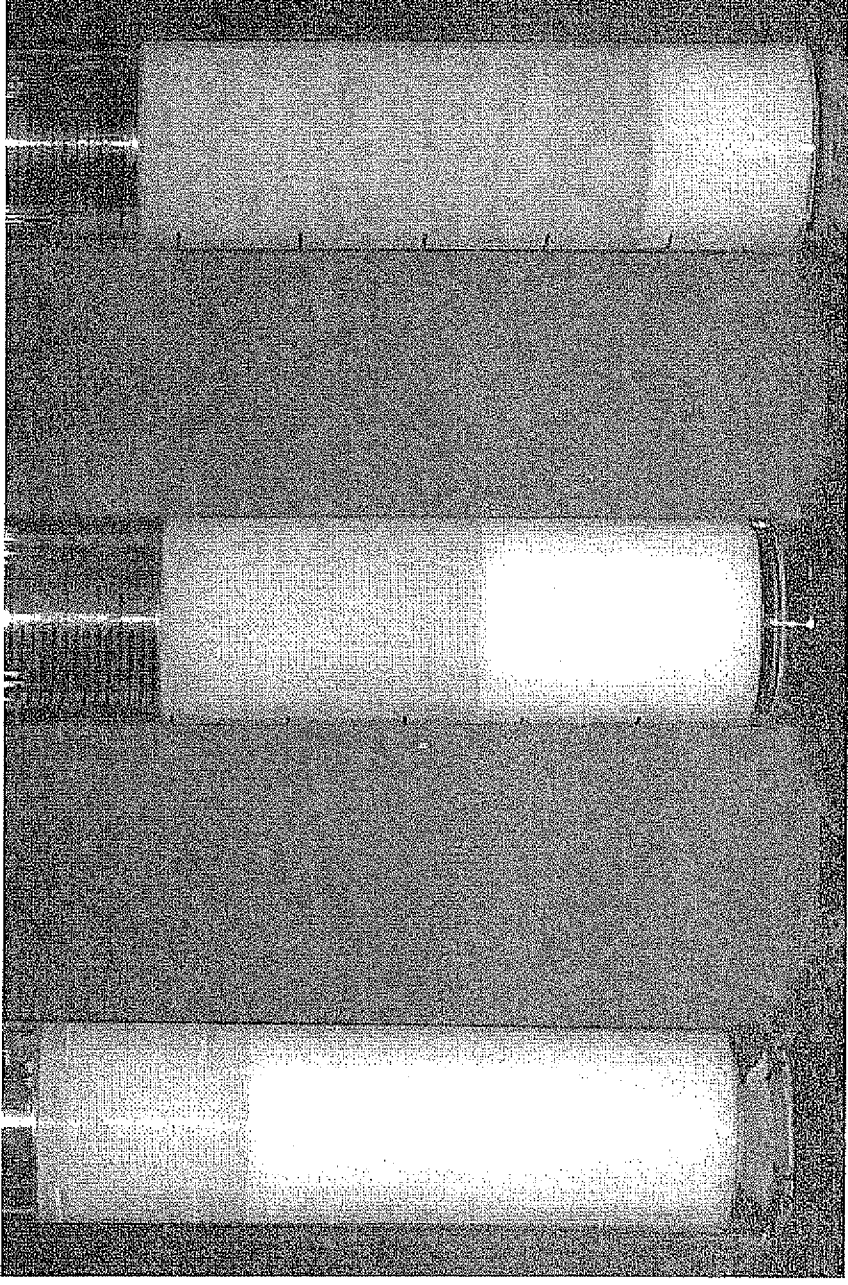
Phase diagram measured at 5C



Top phase: Gelatin

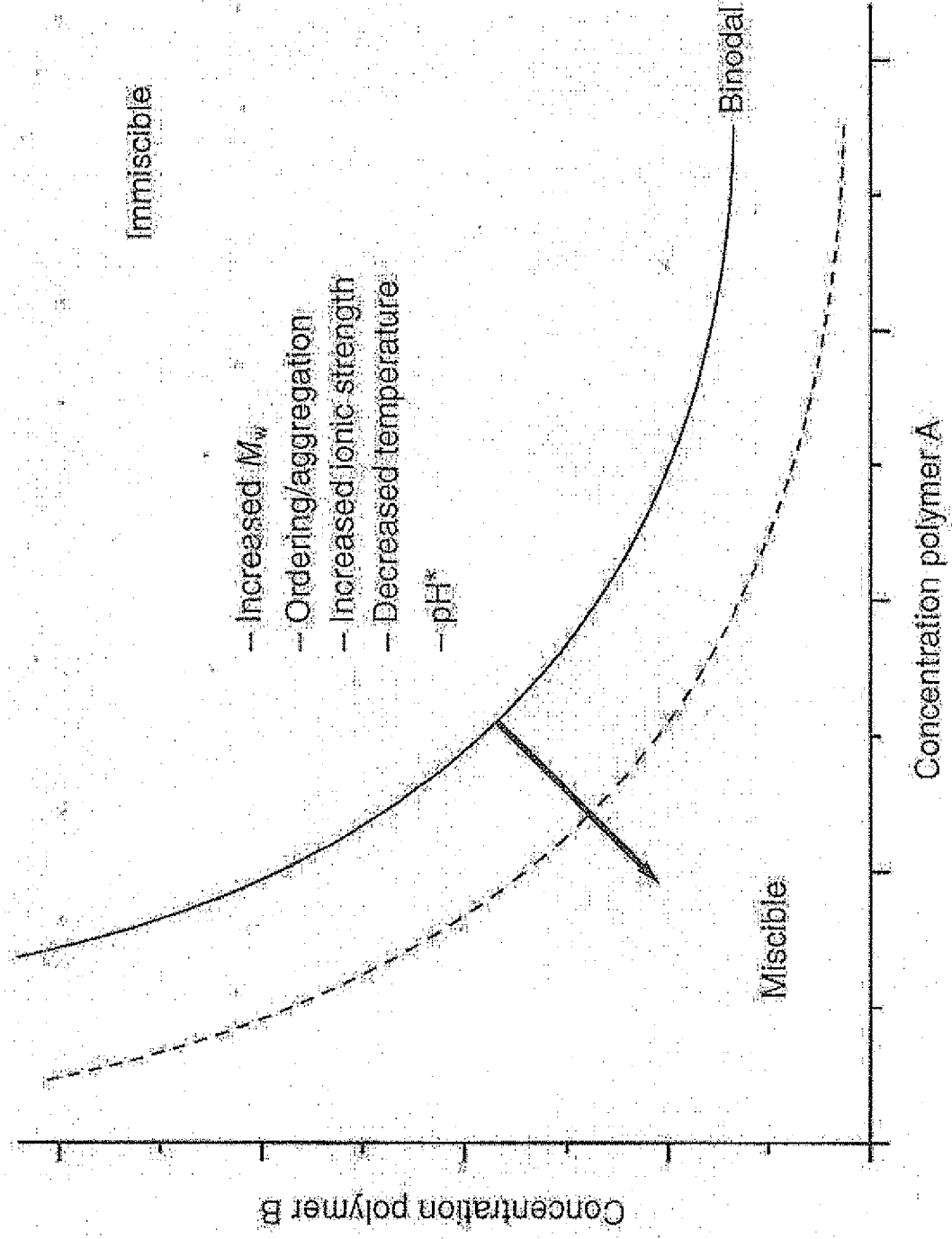
## Aqueous-based two-phase systems

Example: Aqueous mixture of gelatin and maltodextrin

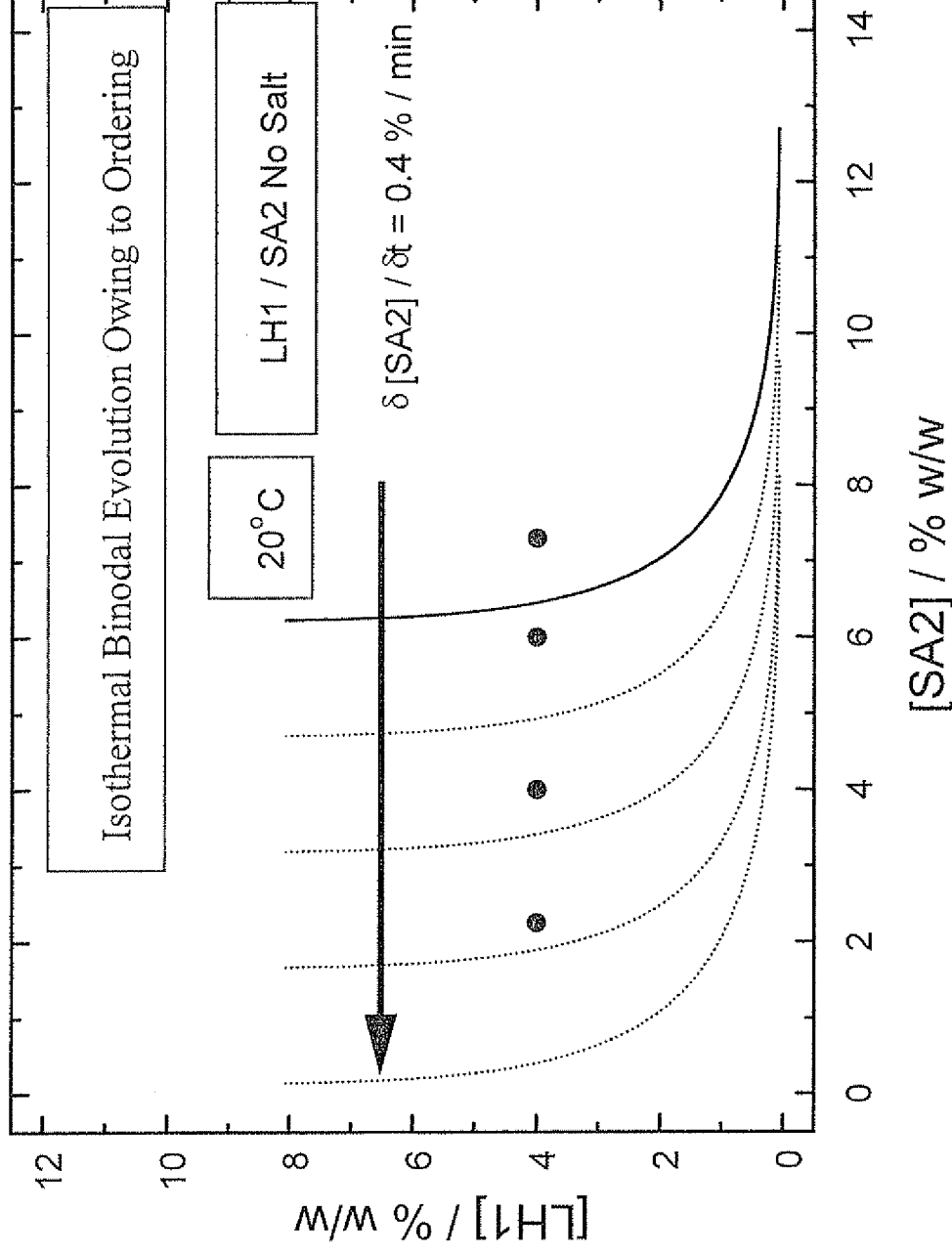


For charged polymers (polyelectrolytes) salt (type and concentration) as well as pH are important parameters.

## Influence of varying polymer characteristics



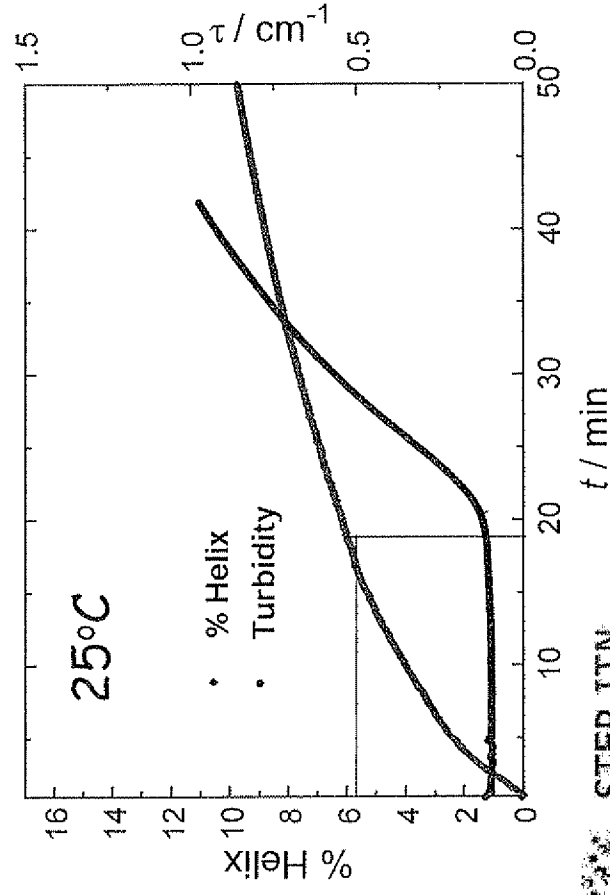
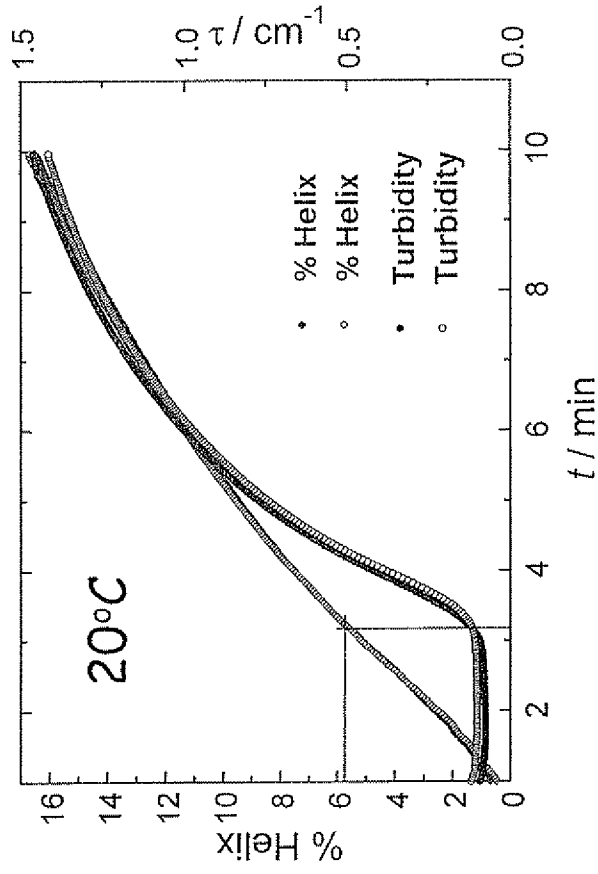
# Phase separation driven by molecular ordering of one of the biopolymers.



- Schematic phase diagram showing the binodal as a function of ordering at 20 °C



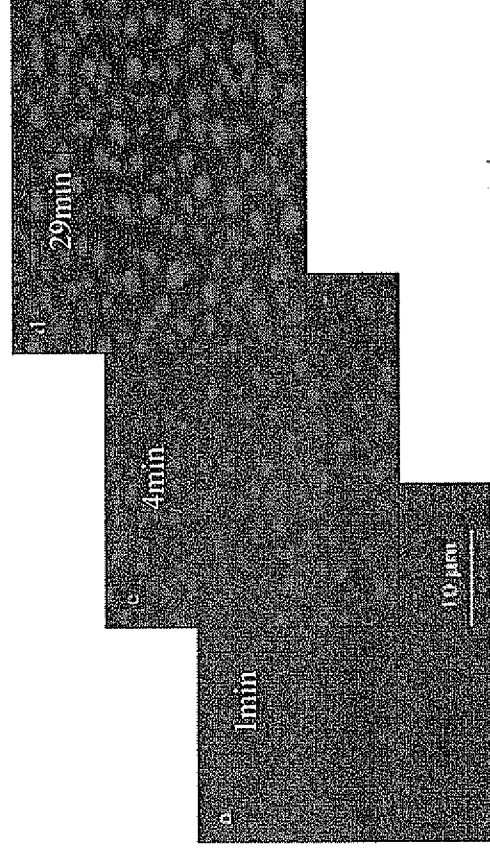
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## Process effects

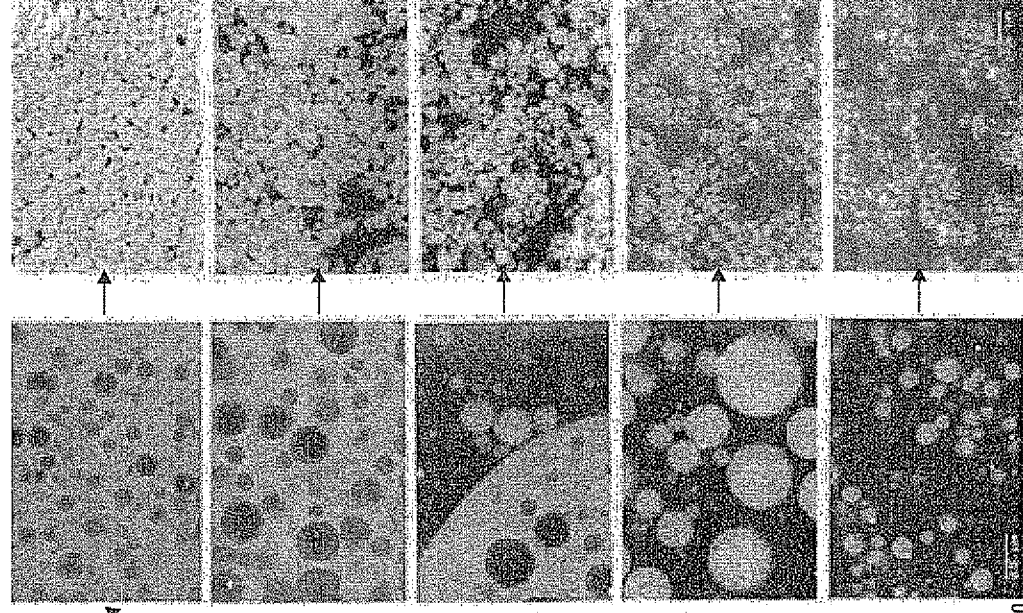
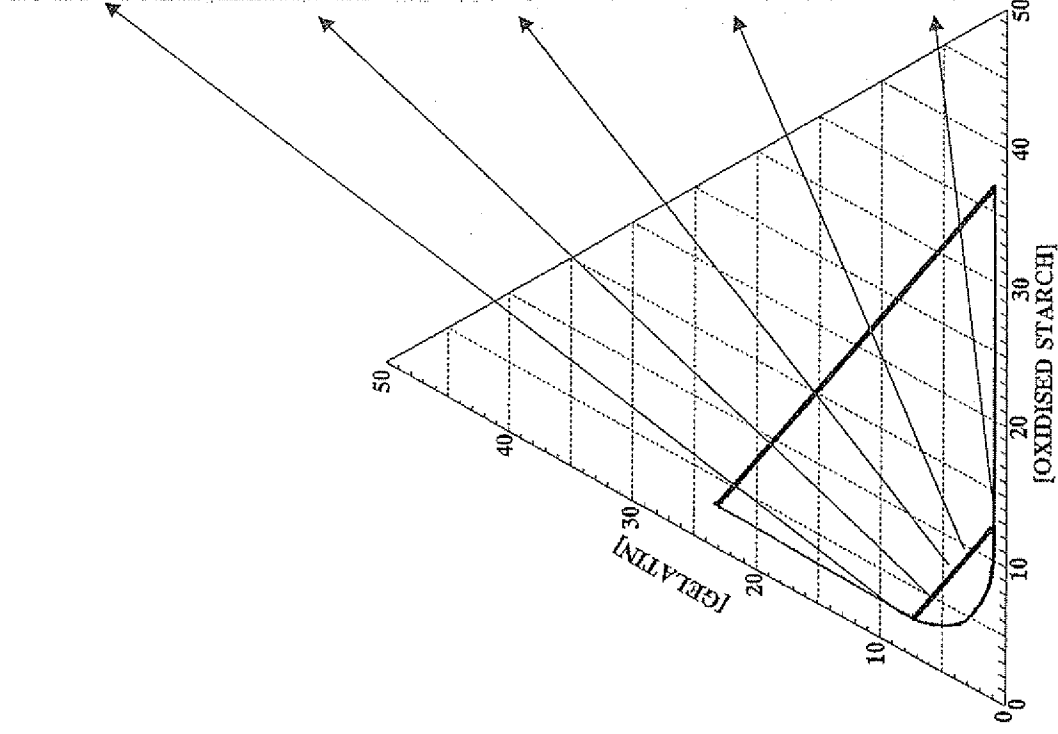
Structure induced phase separation.

- Measure of gelatin helices required to induce phase separation in a 4% LH1e:4% SA2 mixture, in water, when quenched to 20°C (top) and 25°C (bottom).
- Morphology when quenched to 20°C.



# Process effects on mixed biopolymer systems.

Effect of shear during cooling / gelation of the gelatin

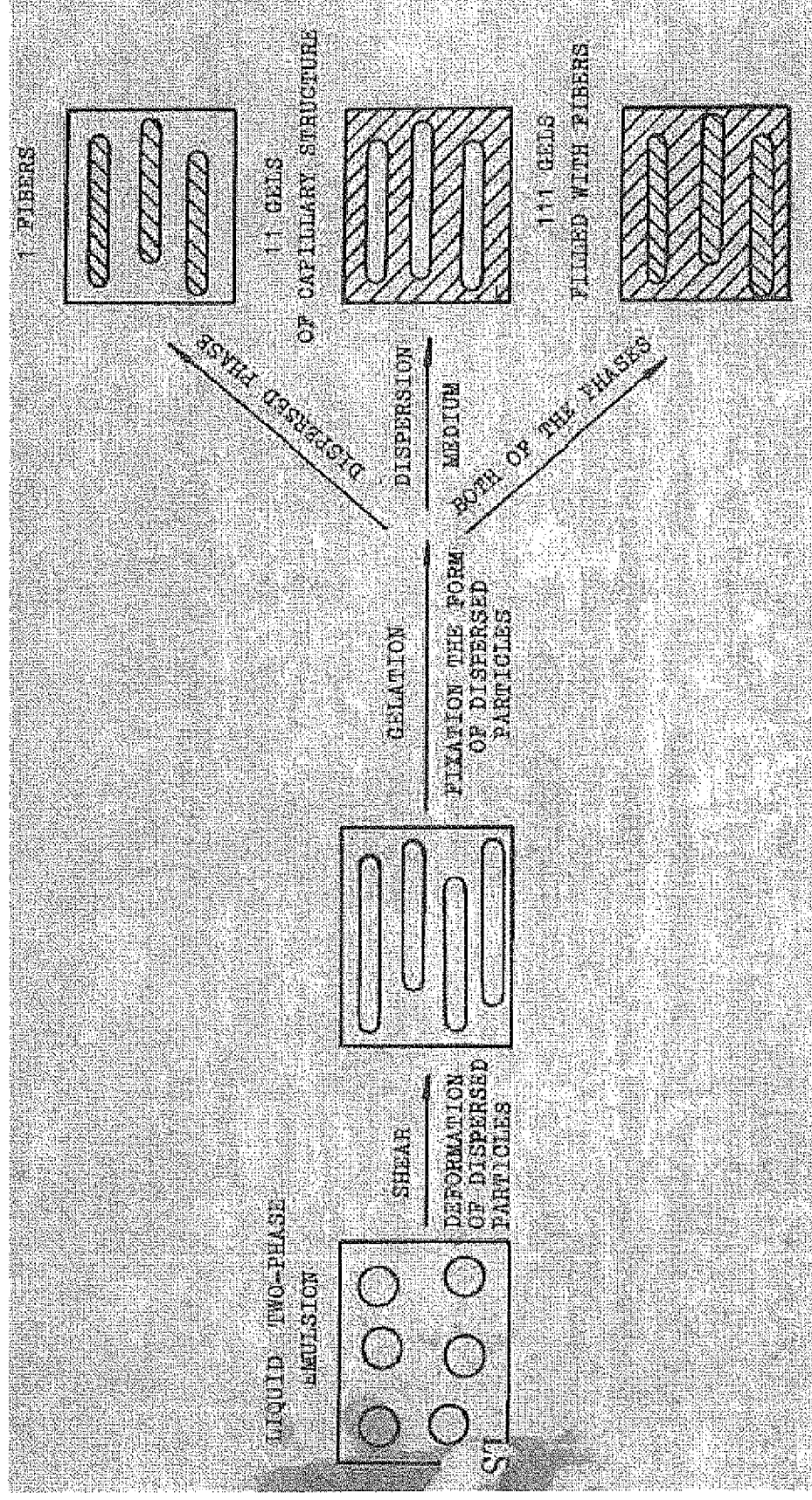


Gelling biopolymer forms the dispersed phase.



## Structures based on aqueous-based two-phase systems

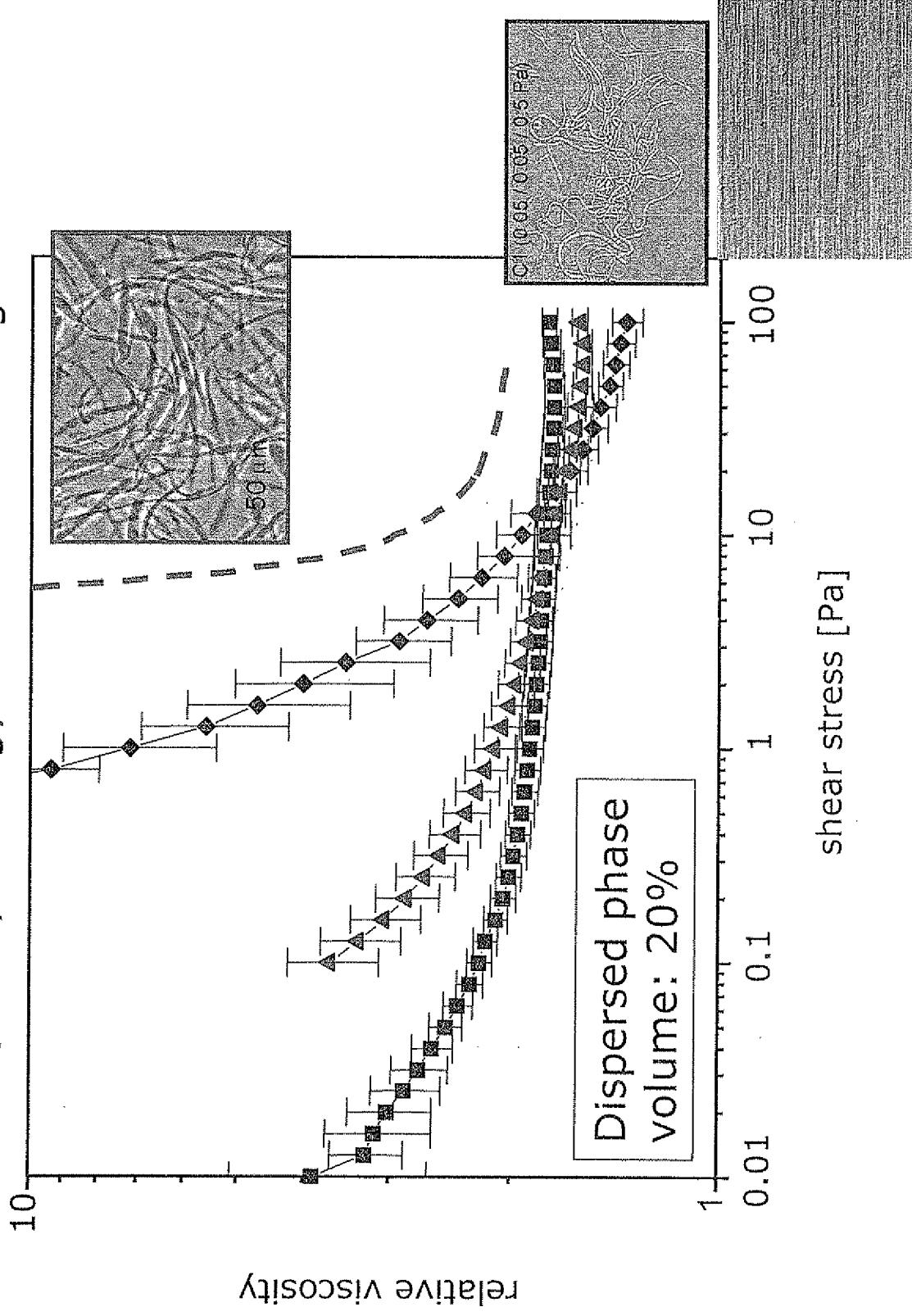
Scheme developed by Tolstoguzov\*



\*V Tolstoguzov *Journal of Texture Studies* 11, 3 (1980) 199-215

## Gel particle suspensions

### Modification of (shear) rheology: Effect of fibre alignment







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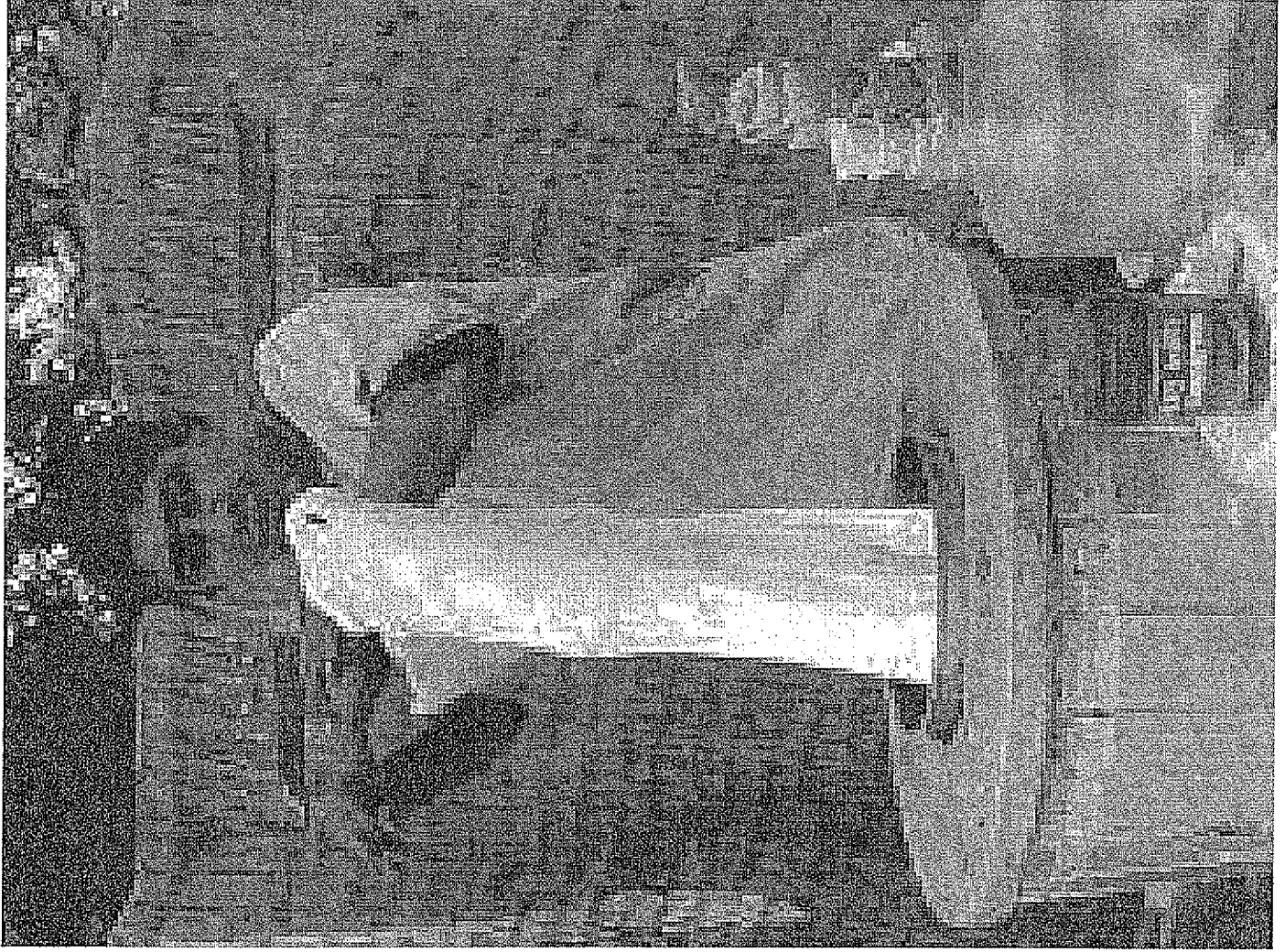
## Gel particle suspensions

Deposition: Non-food example

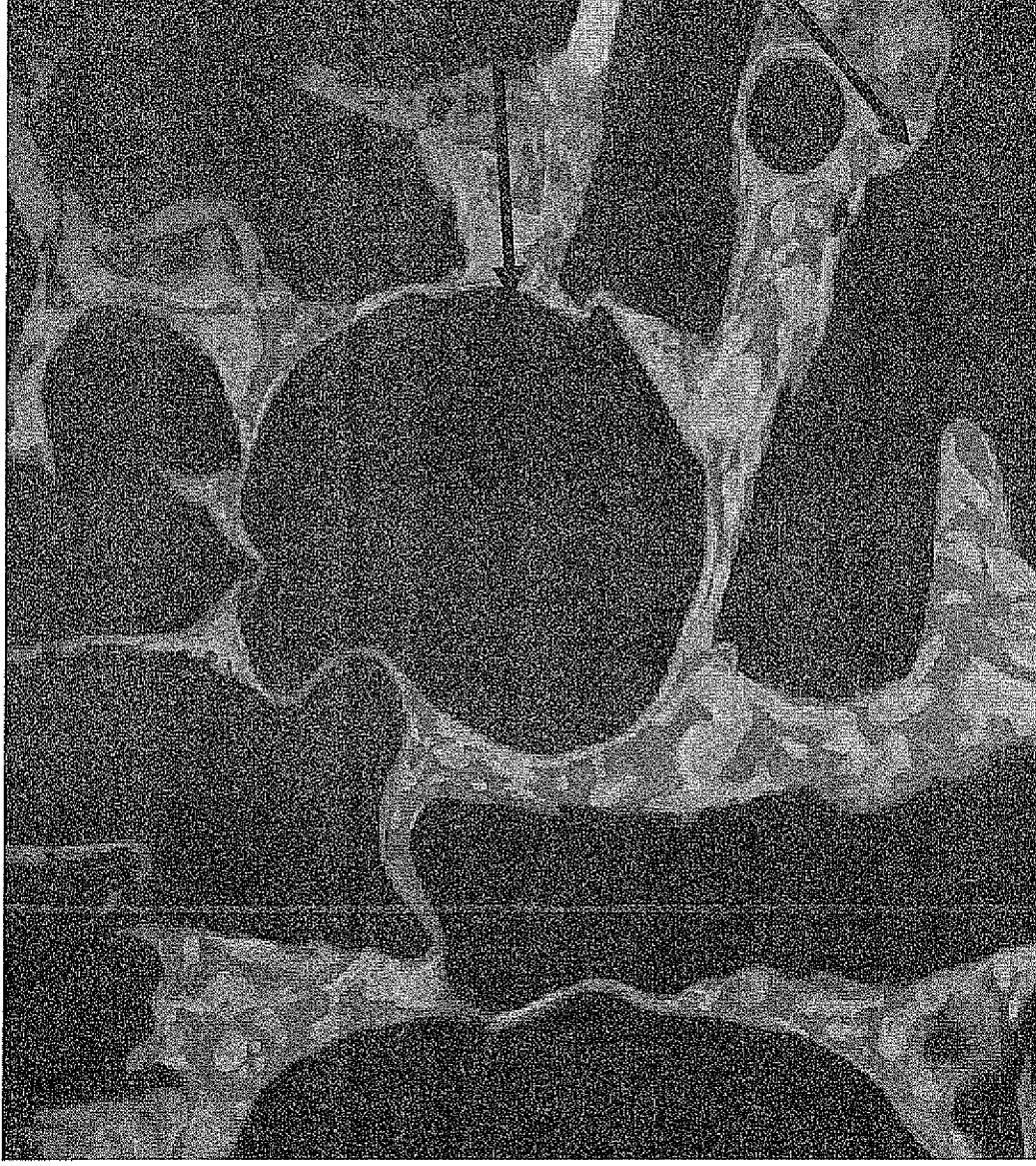
$\kappa$ -carragenan fibres deposited on a hair. Spherical particles of the same composition wash off during rinse.





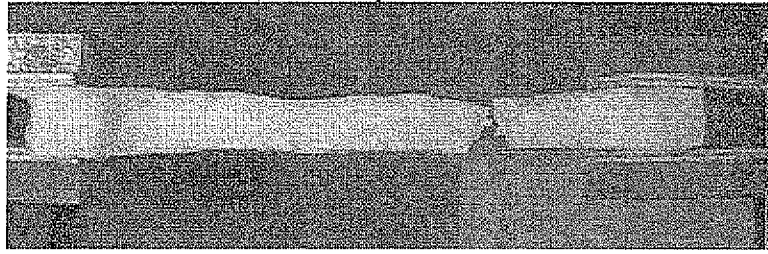


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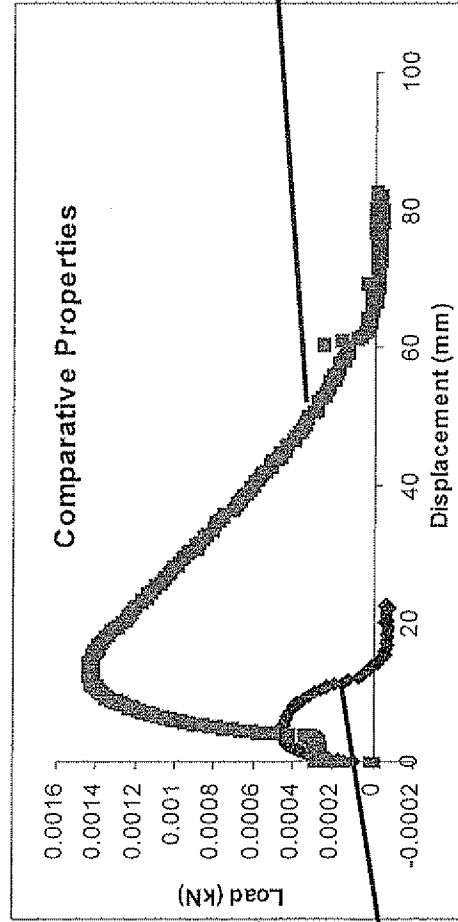


Milk Protein  
LBG  
Air  
Ice

# Maras Ice Cream

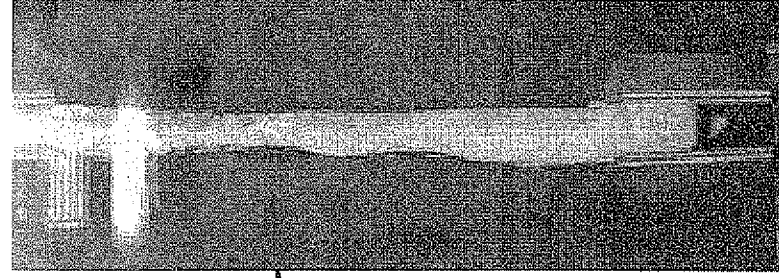


Short texture  
ie. snaps



Conventional  
Formulation

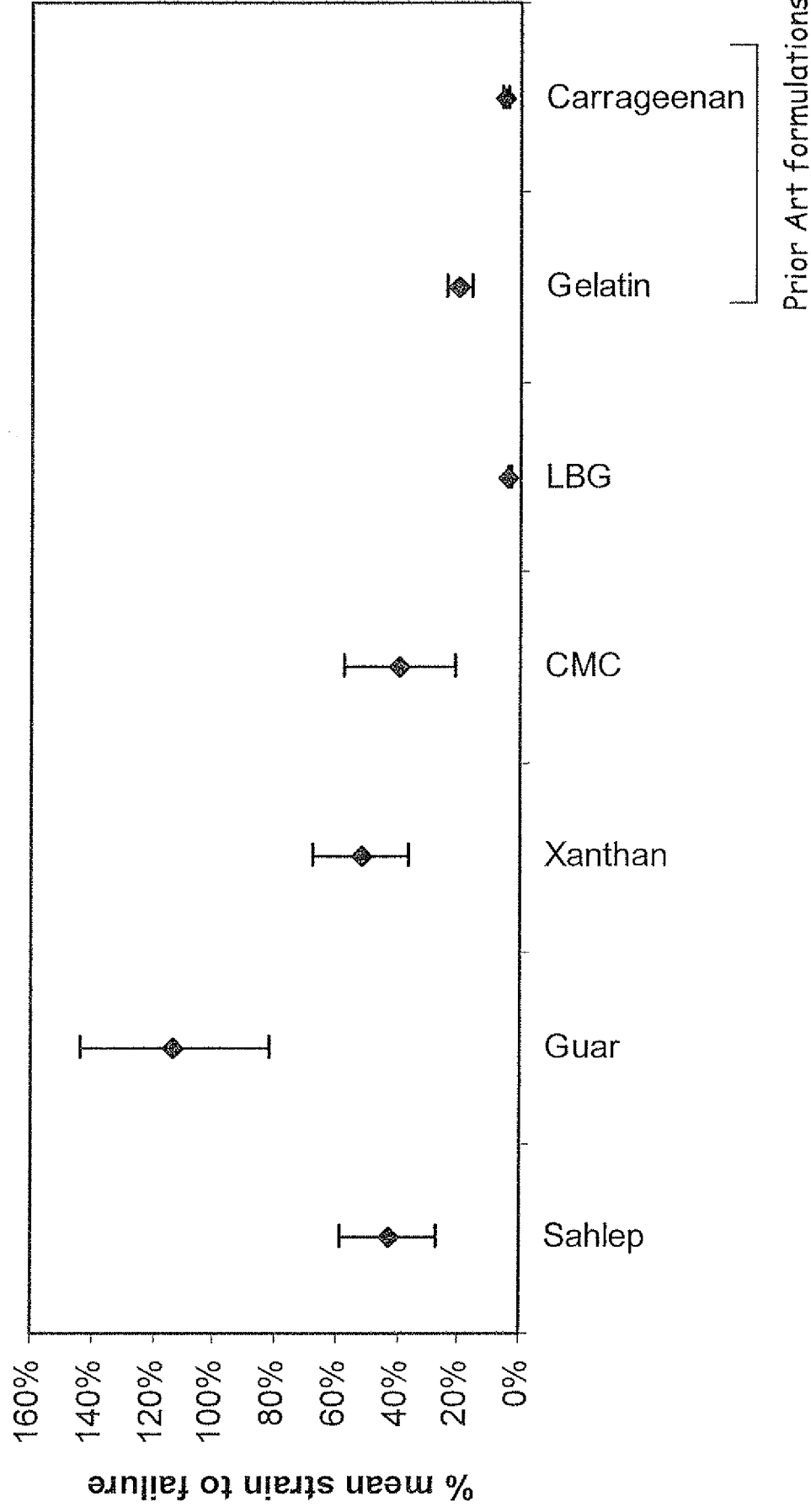
Maras  
Formulation



Extensible texture  
ie. stretches

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## Hydrocolloid functionality in Maras Ice Cream



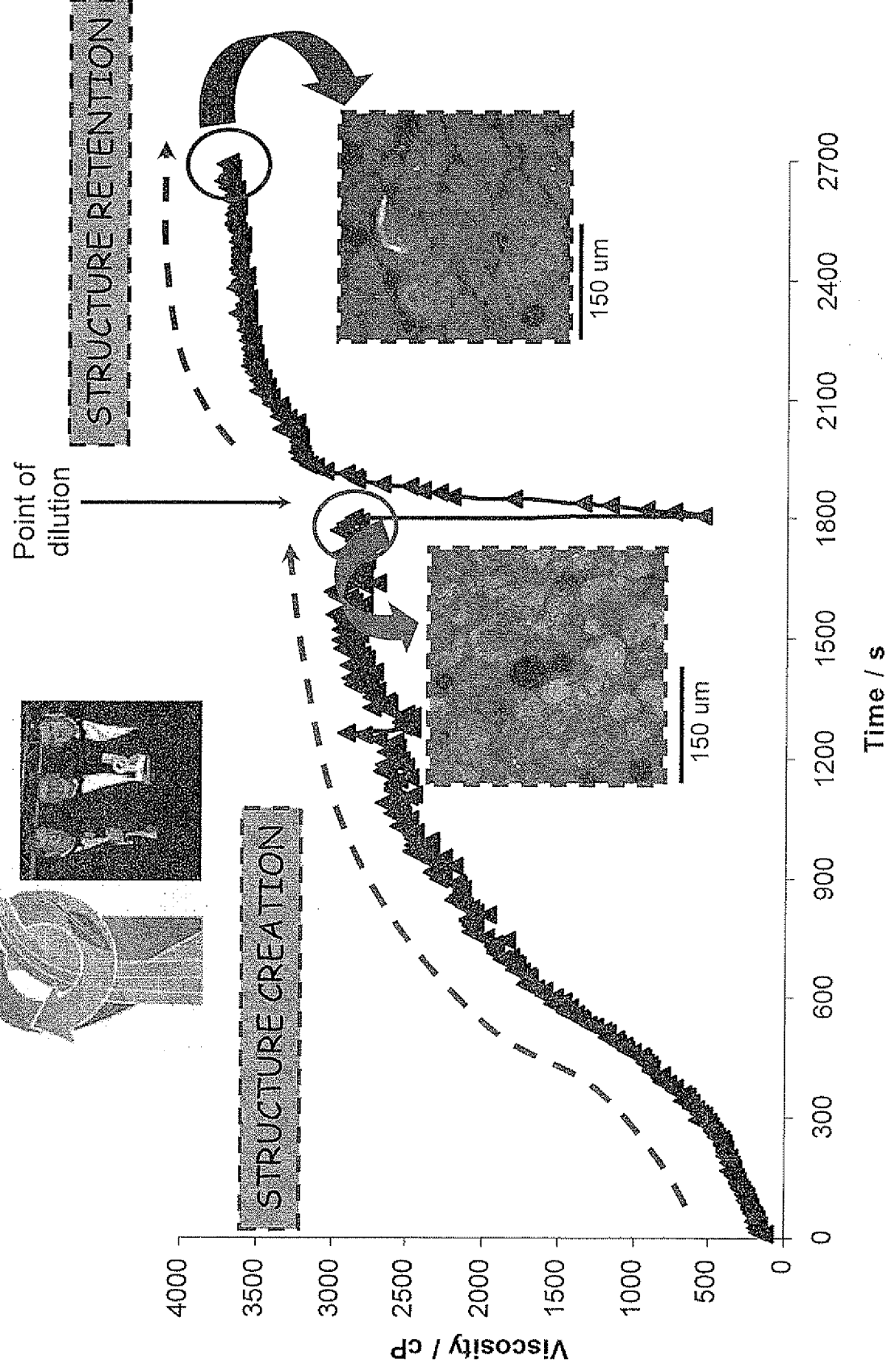
All products here compared at 30% Overrun

# Conclusion

- The fine structure of hydrocolloids plays a role in their properties (viscosity and gelation)
- Influence of process can alter the functionality (single and mixed systems)
- Hydrocolloid: Hydrocolloid interactions determine the gross properties of composites



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